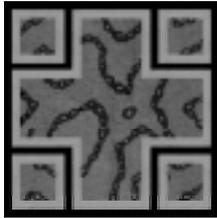


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## Immanuel Gospel to release new album



**Sweden's most significant gospel event this year will take place just in time for Christmas - the release of a new album from Immanuel Gospel.**

Immanuel Gospel is finally releasing a new CD. After a couple of live albums and appearances on other artists' albums, the time has come for a studio recording that will let you experience the characteristic sound of Immanuel Gospel. They have been called "the sweatiest choir in Sweden", considering the amount of energy they put into their performances. They have also been called "the most glamorous choir" as well. The members come from many different backgrounds and have one main thing in common: They believe in the power of Gospel Music!

The singers of Immanuel Gospel always give a great deal of themselves during their performances. They feel that they have a message to deliver, which hopefully will have positive effects on their listeners. The choir could be described as a choir focusing on love and struggling to make the world a better place. It is a choir which does things in its own way, such as singing not only in churches, but also pubs, TV shows, festivals, South African townships, for the homeless in Stockholm or to raise money for people suffering from war in the Congo.

No matter where Immanuel Gospel is performing, it is always for the same reason: To let the songs make a difference for the audience.

The album, which will be released at the end of this year, will contain all new material. The songs clearly show what Immanuel Gospel represents, both in style and in content. The music is influenced by, for example, John P Kee, Fred Hammond and Mary Mary. It combines heavy, funky West Coast gospel with a contemporary R'n'B sound, a mixture of American, African and Swedish gospel - raw, but also beautiful; energetic, but also healing - an album for everyone!

Most of the songs on the album have been written for the choir by two professional gospel leaders: Reverend Calvin Bridges, Chicago, USA, and Mthunzi Namba, Johannesburg, South Africa. Immanuel Gospel has been working with both of them for the past few years. The album has been produced by Paul Pesonen in co-operation with the conductor, Åsa Jingbro.

*Immanuel Gospel* was founded in 1991 and has its home base at the Immanuel Church in Stockholm, a congregation that is part of the Mission Covenant Church of Sweden. The choir has about 40 active members, plus a band consisting of drums, bass, keyboards and guitar. Immanuel Gospel feels it is important to sing gospel music in many different places, not just in churches. For more information, you can visit the choir's web site: [www.immanuel.se/gospel](http://www.immanuel.se/gospel) (Please note it is in Swedish).

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