

## Art & Soul Oakland/AfroComicCon 2023

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Downtown Oakland

### Gospel Hour – ARTIST BIOS

**LB & Friends** – Bay Area native Leonard Bailey began his music career at an early age, singing and directing local choirs. He has performed with the legendary Edwin "Oh Happy Day" Hawkins, Bishop Walter Hawkins, and Lady Tramaine Hawkins. Leonard started LB & Friends six years ago and has performed all over the Bay Area. As a recording artist, Leonard has a few CDs topping both the R&B and gospel charts.

**Joshua Carter** is a Gospel/Soul singer with a multi-octave range. He began singing at the tender age of three in his church choir (Evangelistic Outreach Church) and honed his skills in his early teens traveling with the Encinal Voices of Gospel. Through his calling in ministry, Joshua has shared his gift at several churches, performed for the Golden State Warriors, and accompanied Grammy®-nominated artists such as Goapele, Dave Hollister of the hit R&B Group Blackstreet, Syleena Johnson, and Ledisi.

**Mary Williams** – Oakland native Mary Williams was born into a musical family. Her singing started at the young age of 3. Over the years she has directed choirs, and performed features, background vocals, and stage plays. She currently attends Word Assembly and is a worship leader at churches across the Bay Area. Stay tuned for more music coming soon from Mary Williams!

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