

Prince and The Steele Family among 2010 Minnesota Black Music Award Legacy recipients

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The producers of the 2010 Minnesota Black Music Awards announce the selection of recipients recognizing contributions to music, arts, communications, business, education and community service. Prince, the father of The Minneapolis Sound and whose contributions to music is second to none and Minnesota's first families of music, The Steele Family of brothers and sisters J.D, Jearlyn, Jevetta, Fred and Billy Steele are slated to receive the first 2010 MBMA Life Time Achievement and Legacy award commemorating thirty years of music excellence.

Additional 2010 MBMA recipients include:

- Ray Seville/local events promoter,
- Dee Henry Williams/KFAI Blues Announcer,
- Walter "Q Bear" Banks/KMOJ
- Tim Wilson/ Proprietor Urban Lights Music,
- Lowell Pickett/ The Dakota, HSRA/High School Recording Arts,
- T.Mychael Rambo/Artist-Actor,
- Gary Hines/Music Director-Sounds of Blackness and
- Mint Condition/Band

Paris Bennett, nationally known finalist on the fifth season of the American Idol, joins Mint Condition, The Sounds of Blackness, The Ladies of Jazz, Heiruspecs, The New Congress and host T. Mychael Rambo to celebrate the legacy and spotlight the Twin Cities music scene. The celebration begins with a music symposium featuring Producer Louis Andre Fischer and other music experts discussing artist management, finances, health, production and marketing. A special VIP red carpet event will open the evening 6 pm July 16th at Seven Ultra Lounge Sky bar.

Program founder and producer, Pete Rhodes, said, "The 2010 MBMA awardees exemplify outstanding contributions and dedication to the preservation of music, arts and leadership in our communities.

The 2010 Minnesota Black Music Awards takes place Friday July 16th 8pm at the Historic Pantages Theatre. Visit the official MBMA website at www.mnblackmusicawards.com for ticket information and schedules.