

## MONICA LISA STEVENSON BIOGRAPHY

She is a powerhouse vocalist and one of few 'new school' class of female vocalists who can capture the definitive essence of traditional gospel and "church" music at its best. As soon as a single note is dropped from her mic, you know you are in for a musical experience in its most dynamic and pristine form. **MONICA LISA STEVENSON** is that vocalist who provides a commanding presentation and a life impacting spiritual encounter through every song she sings.

Monica Lisa was born into a talented family of singers. The eldest of six children, she and her siblings were raised in Wetumpka, Alabama, where they were inspired, encouraged, and trained by their parents, the late George Bowen and Pearlie Ellis. She began to minister in song and organized Lisa Stevenson & Company in 1997 shortly after becoming a licensed minister of the gospel. Her true joy is just to be able to sing before audiences, but Monica Lisa has a litany of achievements and experiences that have contributed to her thriving and passion-filled music ministry.

Monica Lisa has delivered two highly acclaimed and award winning projects. Her freshman album **FINALLY...IN GOD'S TIME** (2009) earned her two **Stellar Award Nominations** for Best New Artist and Traditional Female Vocalist of the Year. Her next album **LIVE IN ATLANTA** (2013) garnered the songstress the **2014 Gospel Blue Mic Award** for Artist Of The Year and a **2015 Stellar Award Nomination**. Monica Lisa has also captured two **Atlanta Gospel Choice Awards** for Best Female Artist in 2008 and Song of the Year in 2009.

Monica Lisa's numerous national appearances include BET's Dr. Bobby Jones Gospel, Atlanta Live TV, Babbie's House TV, The Sweet Auburn Festival, The Rhythm of Gospel Awards, The Gospel Heritage Praise and Worship Conference and The Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International Conferences. She was also cast for an appearance in the Tyler Perry movie **Madea's Big Happy Family** and TV series **The Have and The Have Nots**. Her touring territory expanded to international status when the singer toured throughout Switzerland and Italy in 2011.

Her hard working drive and stamina has enabled her to sing with gospel greats - the legendary Caravans, Pastor Shirley Caesar, Kathy Taylor, Bishop Paul Morton, Jason Crabb, Erica Campbell, The Williams Brothers, Pastor Marvin Sapp, J Moss, Tasha Cobbs and Pastor William Murphy. An esteemed milestone for Monica Lisa was to record "Lord Keep Me" (Day by Day), made a classic by the legendary Caravan's founder the late Dr. Albertina Walker and to minister the song at the celebrated gospel queen's home going service.

Holding true to her traditional roots and panache, her 2016 single "Testimony" is soulfully sanctified with a dash of contemporary stylishness. "Testimony", the first single from her new EP **KAINOS (The Acoustic Documentary)**, landed at #3 on Billboard Hot Singles Sales Chart and features noted musician and singer **Doobie Powell** and popular quartet group **The Williams Singers**.

**KAINOS (The Acoustic Documentary)** released in September of 2016 to an impressive #18 on Billboard Top Gospel Sales Chart and on the Heatseekers Chart at #8. **KAINOS** is released by Puretonez Production/eOne Distribution and includes special appearances by **Lowell Pye, Lisa Knowles, Pastor Walter E. Ellis, Kiesha McFarland** and **Bishop Neal Roberson**

The southern songbird performs a graceful balance of family, music and ministry while continuing to build and expand her career and personal well-being. During her own recent weight loss journey, Monica implemented the "Just For Me" (Health and Wellness) slogan and fitness challenges to encourage getting fit for the kingdom. These monthly challenges went out to her large social media following of supporters to inspire eating healthy, staying active, and being accountable for the temple God has given to each person.

Monica Lisa also launched her own non-profit organization **Christmas In A Box**. The year round campaign and community driven call to action collects donations to provide for families in need. Christmas In A Box mission is to make every day feel like Christmas.

Monica Lisa finds joy singing before audiences and serving in her community, but her true bliss is being the proud mother of five children and dedicated wife to husband Derrick Stevenson, who is also her musical director and producer. Monica Lisa is emerging as a dynamic artist and compassionate philanthropist who inspires something new and refreshing in everyone she touches.