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A SALUTE TO THE MUSICAL GENIUS PRINCE: EBONY HONORS THE ICON, PURPLE HIGHNESS, AND ROYAL BADNESS

The EBONY June Black Music Commemorative Issue features a 13-Article Spread Straight From The Words Of People Who Were Granted An Up Close And Personal Perspective

June is Black Music Month and a Time to Celebrate Fatherhood. EBONY's June Edition Also Highlights: "96 Till Infinity" how 1996 became the year that birthed musical legends; "How The 90s Changed Everything" salutes the artists who reinvented standards in the music industry; and "Elevate Daddy's Home" a strong and inspiring profile of Gerald Hamilton's life fostering over 100 children.

CHICAGO (May 19, 2016) – Known as one of the hardest working, prolific, and talented musicians of our generation, Ebony honors Prince Rogers Nelson's lifetime of music and artistry. In this special edition, Ebony reflects on Prince's career, humanity, and all around greatness in a 13-article tribute (p. 89). In the article "Prince: The Ebony Experience", veteran Ebony journalist Lynn Norment writes of her poignant and personal interviews she captured with Prince and his father - musician and composer John L. Nelson. In his words, Prince states, "I was always different. I continued to evolve. Thank God." CNN political commentator Van Jones, ESPN Host and Op-Ed writer Bomani Jones, and Editor and Author Marshall Lewis are among the writers that share their thoughts, experiences, and insight in this rare and informative edition celebrating the life of Prince.

Neon A. Malcolm's article "96 Till Infinity" (p. 18) exposes the infamous year when an elite group of Hip Hop and R&B Legends were crowned. Artists including Tupac, The Notorious BIG, Jay Z, Maxwell, D'Angelo, and Erykah Badu created quintessential music that defined a generation and influenced a musical landscape. In addition Janet Jackson, Lauryn Hill, NWA, Lenny Kravitz, Mariah Carey, P Diddy, and Whitney Houston are featured in the article "How The 90s Changed Everything" (p. 122). This group of talented artists flipped the recording industry and instituted a new way of how American listened and consumed music and defined pop culture.

The June issue of Ebony magazine is a time to celebrate music, dads, and the anticipation of summer. With the untimely death of Prince, rap legend Phife, and Chicago radio legend Doug Banks, EIC Kiara Mayo boldly confesses that Sometimes It Snows In April. In her Editor's Letter (p. 12), EIC Kiara Mayo states, "You may want me to have words, but, dearly beloved, I have none. My peers have spoken for me – and all of us – in this, what you are holding, the

Black Music Month Commemorative Issue of EBONY that we cried our way through.”

Alongside Black Music Month, Ebony celebrates fatherhood. “Elevate Daddy’s Home” (p. 68) is a strong and bold real life story of father and retired Chicago Detective Gerald Hamilton. Ebony writer, Ian F. Blair, captures Hamilton’s life as a foster father to more than 100 children in the span of 40 years. Hamilton’s grandmother - to whom he was a caregiver while she battled Parkinson’s disease - inspired him to open his home and care for the many children caught in the foster care system. He felt that he needed to step up to the plate and aid children in need of a good home. Hamilton also says, “My mother, who was an administrator for the Detroit Public Schools, once told me that the most important role a Black man can fulfill is that of a father, and to be involved in his children’s lives. I took that seriously.”

Ebony’s June issue also breaks down “Juneteenth” (p. 87) and why this is an important and eventful day for the nation to celebrate, how to cash in on AirBnB (p. 84), and how to balance life when you’re trying to do too much in the article “All Poured Out” by Ebony Senior Editor Jamilah Lemieux (p. 26).

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ABOUT JET

JET magazine, initially billed as “The Weekly Negro News Magazine,” is noted for its role in chronicling the early days of the Civil Rights movement. The publication, now in an all-digital format, continues provide our readers with credible coverage of current events, entertainment news, healthy living guidelines, and fashion and beauty tips. The magazine has been a trusted news source to Black Americans since 1951, bringing life to its popular catchphrase: “If it isn’t in JET, it didn’t happen.” Visit JETmag.com. “Like” GetJETMag on Facebook, Follow @GetJETMag on Twitter and Instagram. *For high resolution images and interview requests, please contact Jada Russell at pr@ebony.com, [312-375-4136](tel:312-375-4136)*

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DANIELLE BROOKS, JASMINE SULLIVAN, CHRISSETTE MICHELE, AND GABI FRESH CELEBRATE WOMANHOOD IN EBONY'S MARCH 2016 ISSUE

Issue highlights “The Curvy Confessionals”, “Honey Child”, “Hello, My Name Is...”, “STEM Sells”, and “Women Up: Free Black Women We Love”

CHICAGO (March 4, 2016) – EBONY magazine challenges the traditional perceptions of women in their March 2016 issue. A diverse group of female perspectives are featured and collectively redefine womanhood. “The Curvy Confessionals” by Tomika Anderson is the cover story examining women’s self-confidence and love for their physical beauty. Award winning actress Danielle Brooks (Orange is the New Black), chart topping R&B singer Jasmine Sullivan, Grammy award winning artist Christette Michele, and plus-size blogger and swimwear designer Gabi Fresh share their struggle to accept their curves and embrace self-love. ‘There’s a perception that big girls are lazy, we’re nasty, and we don’t take showers. That’s why it’s so important for me to project a [positive] image.’ – Danielle Brooks

EIC Kiara Mayo explains the need to have collective voices that define our identity and set the stage for female empowerment. In her Editor’s Letter, Mayo states, “I romanticize and exalt Black women, yes I do. Because we are the ones. We are the magic holders, but we are also the ones history (and the system) has too easily forgotten, erased, and sometimes killed. For most of us, life ain’t no crystal stair and it ain’t never gonna be. To climb them, girls will always need each other.”

Editor’s Letter: Holding on to Black Love

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Tomika Anderson’s “The Curvy Confessionals” [Exclusive Excerpt]

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In the article “Honey Child”, EBONY Senior Editor Jamilah Lemieux explores her journey embracing a feminist worldview. The article denotes personal experiences as well as major news events that help define the author’s stance as a ‘Free Black Woman’.

“Hello, My Name Is...” by Josie Duffy examines the tidal wave of police violence against Black women largely ignored in mainstream media. Duffy reports that since 1999, Black women and girls account for twenty percent of unarmed

people killed by police. Duffy also offers resolve by examining three organizations founded to improve the lives of Black women.

The March issue also profiles Black women in science, technology, engineering, and math in the article “STEM Sells” by Gerren Keith Gaynor. “Women Up: Free Black Women We Love” features quotes by Solange Knowles, Ericka Badu, Josephine Baker, Grace Jones and others whose perspective womanhood is bold and powerful. The women featured speak loud and their words are a declaration that they live a free life on their own terms.

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**GETTING BEYOND THE FAMILY DRAMA: A CANDID CONVERSATION ABOUT
CO-PARENTING IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

WVON's midday host, Perri Small, will moderate two panel discussions on challenges faced by many African American families in the 21st Century, and how these issues can be resolved to raise healthy, productive children.

Chicago, IL (April 30th, 2013) - On Saturday, May 4th, 2013, WVON 1690 AM, The Urban Health Initiative at The University of Chicago Medicine, and The Center for New Horizons will kick-off Health Awareness Month with a series of panel discussions - "Getting Beyond the Family Drama" – focusing on the health of African American families. "Getting Beyond the Family Drama" takes place on **Saturday, May 4th at WVON's Legacy Center, 1000 East 87th Street, Chicago, IL 60619 from 10am to 1pm.** The program will be moderated by WVON personality Perri Small and feature panelists Dr. Dexter Voisin, Associate Professor, University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration; Chantelle Bittings, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor at C. Bittings Therapy; Attorney Marcellus H. Moore, Jr. from The Alliance Law Group, P.C.; and Ramona E. James, Director of Health and Wellness at the Centers for New Horizons.

"Getting Beyond the Family Drama" is an opportunity to comprehensively resolve health obstacles faced by members of non-traditional family units; particularly children. The program begins with the panel, "Why Can't We Just Focus on What's Best for our Child". This discussion is specifically designed to explore good communication practices between parents who are neither married nor cohabiting, and may have children in other homes. The program continues with a second panel entitled "Is the Money Worth More than the Relationship", that explores the parental choice to emphasize building a positive parent-child relationship with the non-residential parent versus receiving financial support.

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census' Current Population Survey of America's Families and Living Arrangements of 2009: 1) 'fewer than 40 percent of all Black children live with two parents, compared to about 75 percent of White children', and 2) 'Fifty percent of Black children live with only their mother'. "Getting Beyond the Family Drama" is intended to look at family health from a broader perspective.

An honest, unfiltered conversation about the relational hurt and disappointment that couples face and how children are sometimes unwittingly used as pawns in parental conflict is critical to breaking cycles of family dysfunction. The wellbeing of children should always be the highest priority.

- Dr. Dexter Voisin, Associate Professor, The University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration

This event is free and open to the public. There will be light refreshments served. Free parking will be available on the premises. To register, please go online to <http://candidconversation.eventbrite.com> or call.....

ABOUT WVON 1690AM, The Talk of Chicago

For 50 years, WVON has established itself as one of Chicago's most highly esteemed and respected media institutions. WVON's call letters were once known as the *Voice of the Negro*. WVON has evolved into the *Voice of the Nation*. Always centered on the pulse of the community, WVON is a drum major for African-American voices and continues to provide an interactive forum to discuss social, economic and political issues. As *The Talk of Chicago*, WVON is always giving the community something to talk about. Listen live at: www.wvon.com and the I Heart Radio digital app www.IHeart.com.

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WVON JOINS AMERICA IN ITS COMMEMORATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON

Chicago, IL (August 27th, 2013) – WVON 1690AM - On August 28th, 1963, thousands gathered on the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. to 'March on Washington for Freedom and Jobs'. Fifty years later, an even greater number of people from around the world will observe this historic event. WVON am 1690 spearheads this day of commemoration in Chicago with leading voices in politics, civil rights, art, and education. Join WVON personalities Matt McGill, Perri Small, and Cliff Kelley for this special day of reflection and celebration.

PROGRAM LINE-UP:

6am to 9am – 'The Morning Show'

Matt McGill, host of "The Morning Show" will kick off WVON's commemoration with a focused discussion on jobs and housing. Matt is delighted to welcome Ms. Dorothy Tillman as his special in-studio co-host. At the age of 16, Tillman attended the 1963 March on Washington in our nation's capital. As a former City of Chicago Alderman of the 3rd Ward, Ms. Tillman was trained as a civil rights and community activist under the tutelage of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Guests for "The Morning Show" include Ms. Bernetta Howell Barrett (Chicago co-coordinator of the 1963 March on Washington) and Rory Gamble (United Auto Workers Regional Director, Detroit).

There will be a special broadcast of interviews with pastor, author, and activist Reverend Otis Moss Jr. and Chicago historian and professor Timuel Black during "The Morning Show" program. Reverend Moss was a close friend of both Martin Luther King Sr. and Martin Luther King Jr. He was also a co-pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta with Martin Luther King Sr. in the early 1970s.

Professor Black was an advisor to Dr. King, and led the Chicago contingent to the 1963 march.

9am to 12pm – ‘The Perri Small Show’

Perri Small, host of ‘The Perri Small Show’, will be joined by a very special panel of guests to discuss women’s role in the civil rights movement and education. Guests include civil rights activists Norman and Velma Hill. Mr. Hill was Staff Coordinator for the 1963 march, and is a past president of the A. Philip Randolph Institute. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hill were instrumental in staging the wade-in at Rainbow Beach in the early 1960s. Reverend Jesse Jackson Sr. will also join the discussion to speak on the impact of music during the Civil Rights Era.

3pm to 7pm – ‘The Cliff Kelley Show’

Cliff Kelley, the Governor of Talk Radio and host of ‘The Cliff Kelley Show’, will be joined by District of Columbia Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, Bonnie Boswell-Hamilton (niece of Civil Rights Leader Whitney Young and Executive Producer of the PBS documentary “The Powerbroker: Whitney Young’s Fight for Civil Rights”); scholar, author, and social historian Lerone Bennett Jr.; and WVON personality and attendee of the 1963 March on Washington Salim Muwakil. Cliff’s panel will be discussing the political environment of the era and its current impact on our nation.

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