



For Immediate Release

**GMC TV PRESENTS ORIGINAL WORLD PREMIERE GOSPEL
PLAY**

'IF YOU REALLY LOVE ME'

**EVA MARCILLE, KEITH ROBINSON, REAGAN GOMEZ-PRESTON,
MEL JACKSON, CARYN WARD LEAD AN ENSEMBLE CAST**

**PREMIERING SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH AT 7:00 PM ET
EXCLUSIVELY ON GMC TV**

**FEATURING THE TELEVISION ACTING DEBUT OF
GOSPEL MUSIC ARTIST ANTHONY EVANS**

**'IF YOU REALLY LOVE ME' IS SIXTH INSTALLMENT IN GMC'S CORNERSTONE
ORIGINAL GOSPEL PLAY SERIES**

ATLANTA, GA, -- March 2, 2012 – GMC TV, America's favorite channel for uplifting music and family entertainment, presents the World Television Premiere of the original gospel play **"If You Really Love Me,"** starring Eva Marcille ("House of Payne", "Everybody Hates Chris") and NAACP Image Award® winner Keith Robinson (*Dear John, Dreamgirls*). **"If You Really Love Me"** premieres on GMC **SATURDAY, March 17th at 7:00 p.m. ET** with encore broadcasts at **9:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. ET.**

A heartwarming tale of faith, love and the power of family, **"If You Really Love Me"** is a dynamic story of three sisters whose lives are about to change. Each at a crossroads, sisters Fran (Eva Marcille), Christine (Reagan Gomez-Preston) and Tonia's (Caryn Ward) faith in the things they hold dear -- love, God and family -- are shaken, and each must find their own way to accept what lies ahead.

"If You Really Love Me" is based on an original stage play written by Cas Sigers (*A Cross To Bear*) and is directed by Roger Melvin ("The Love You Save," "She's Still Not Our Sister").

The eldest of the three sisters, Fran is strong, confident, successful and happily married to Phillip (Keith Robinson). Christine is engaged to Charles (Mel Jackson), a doctor, and on her way to fulfilling her dreams. And,

Tonia, the youngest sister, is riddled with self esteem issues that cause her to question her self worth in relationships. As each faces their own personal challenge they look to faith, love and family to get them through.

"If You Really Love Me" is a wonderful story about the power of family told in a lighthearted way that brings the best out in people wanting to triumph over the adversity we face in our lives," said Leslie Chesloff, executive vice president of programming at GMC. "The message that comes through in this play is that you can find a way to love, forgive and believe no matter the circumstance. This is a message that fulfills our goals here at GMC to uplift our viewers."

"If You Really Love Me" features a stellar cast including Eva Marcille ("House of Payne", "Everybody Hates Chris"), NAACP Image Award® winner Keith Robinson (*Dear John*, *Dreamgirls*), Reagan Gomez-Preston ("The Cleveland Show"), Caryn Ward ("The Game"), Mel Jackson ("Reed Between the Lines"), DeEtta West (*A Cross to Bear*, *Trinity Goodheart*) and Gospel singing sensation Anthony Evans in his television acting debut.

GMC's **"If You Really Love Me"** is produced by Swirl Films' Eric Tomosunas, who has produced and taped numerous stage plays and feature-length films for television and DVD including *Love for Sale*, *A Mother's Prayer*, *There's a Stranger in My House*, "Love Me or Leave Me" and "The Ideal Husband."

"If You Really Love Me" is the sixth original gospel play to air in GMC's hit series following the success of GMC productions "Love Me or Leave Me," "The Ideal Husband," "She's Not Our Sister," "The Love You Save," and "Sugar Mommas." GMC is the only network producing the popular medium and bringing it to a broad television audience.

About the Cast

EVA MARCILLE

Eva Marcille began her career in 2005 on the television show "Kevin Hill." Since then, she has shown her versatile talents on the big and small screen. Her television credits include recurring and guest starring roles on a variety of shows including "Let's Stay Together," "The Assistants," "The Young and the Restless," "House of Payne," "Everybody Hates Chris," "Smallville," and the TV movie *Boys and Girls Guide to Getting Down*. Her feature film credits include *I Think I Love My Wife*, *Crossover*, and *Premium* and she is currently filming the feature *Note to Self*. Marcille was born and raised in Los Angeles, California where she makes her home.

KEITH ROBINSON

Best known for his role of in Bill Condon's award winning adaptation of the hit Broadway musical, *Dreamgirls*, Kentucky-born Keith Robinson was first introduced to the public in 2004's hit film *Fat Albert*. His other film credits include *Dear John*, *This Christmas*, *35* and *Ticking* and the upcoming *Dysfunctional Friends*. On television, Robinson found success with regular roles on the NBC drama "American Dreams" and FX's critically acclaimed

Iraq war series, "Over There." He won a 2006 Camie (Character and Morality in Entertainment) Award for his performance in *The Reading Room*, an original Hallmark movie starring James Earl Jones. His other TV credits include the CBS miniseries "Comanche Moon," based on Larry McMurtry's novel, the prequel to "Lonesome Dove," in which he plays the young Danny Glover character "Deets," and a series regular role on Fox's "Canterbury's Law." When Robinson is not on set, he's in the recording studio working on his music. His first solo album, *Utopia*, was released in late 2009. His most recent single *Same Rules featuring Fabolous*, dropped in September 2011. Keith is very excited to bring his passionate sound of soulful R&B music to his fans. Keith currently resides in Los Angeles.

REAGAN GOMEZ-PRESTON

Reagan Gomez-Preston is a television and film actress whose television credits include "The Cleveland Show," "American Dad!," and "Love Inc" with guest appearances on "ER," "JAG" and "One on One", "That 70s Show," and "Strong Medicine" among others. In feature film she has appeared in numerous films including *What Goes Around Comes Around*, *Dysfunctional Friends*, and *Beauty Shop*. Gomez-Preston is a native of Detroit, Michigan and currently resides in Los Angeles, California.

MEL JACKSON

Mel Jackson began his acting career with the indie feature film *Scenes for the Soul*. Since then, he has appeared in numerous features and television shows. A native of Chicago, Illinois, Jackson's feature film credits include *Soul Food*, *Deliver Us From Eva*, *Motives 1 and 2*, *Uninvited Guest*, *Dancing in September*, and *Stick up Kids*. In 2008, Jackson starred in and produced the *Abduction of Jesse Bookman* which earned him the American Black Film Festival Grand Jury Award for Best Actor and Best Film.

His television film credits include "The Temptations," "Little Richard," and "George Wallace." Other television credits include recurring and guest starring roles on "Reed Between the Lines," "Half & Half," "The Division," "The Parkers," "DAG," "The Steve Harvey Show," "The Jamie Foxx Show," "In The House," and "Living Single."

CARYN WARD

Caryn Ward has appeared in a number of feature film and television roles including recurring roles on "The Game," "One Love," "Love That Girl," "Lincoln Heights" and "General Hospital" and guest starring roles on "Entourage," "The Shield," "Strong Medicine," "Friends," "The Heart Department," "The Liberators," and "The Judge." Her feature film credits include *Marriage Chronicles*, *He's Mine Not Yours*, *The Bachelor Party*, *Crossed Line*, and *Blood River*. Ward's two-woman stage show "Single Black Female" earned her a nomination for the Ovation Awards and an LA Weekly Theatre Award for Best Actress.

ANTHONY EVANS

In 2001 Christian music gained a new voice when legendary innovator Kirk Franklin asked Anthony Evans to join his ministry. Evans harmonized with his mentor and friend for four extraordinary years, until the rhythm his own maturing music set in motion a solo career. Now, for a decade, Anthony has voiced the Gospel with such a melodic, thought-provoking style that he has immersed as one of Christian music's premiere male vocalists ... *and* worship leaders.

A much-sought-after leader of worship, Anthony has garnered invitations across the spectrum from Franklin Graham events, to such venues as The National Worship Leader's Conference. As a live performer, Evans has shared the stage with such talents as Yolanda Adams, David Phelps, FFH and Natalie Grant. And as a composer/artist, Anthony's crossover music has vibrated both the doors of the church and ventured beyond.

Over the course of his 21ST Century career Anthony Evans has released six major studio projects; *Even More*, *Letting Go*, *The Bridge*, *What Christmas Means*, *Undisguised*, and the highly anticipated 2011 release, *Home*. In 2008, Evan's "The Bridge" topped the charts as the #1 downloaded Christian album in the country. Evans is currently appearing on NBC's "The Voice."

DEETTA WEST

DeEtta West is an accomplished actor on stage and screen as well as an accomplished voiceover artist. Her movie and television credits include, *Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins*, *The Preacher's Kid*, "Meet The Browns," *Trinity Goodheart*, and *A Cross To Bear*. DeEtta hosted her own local television show in Los Angeles called "Tea with DeEtta." She also has many stage credits including: Starring role in the NAACP Award Winning Musical Theatrical Production, "Busline 210," the award winning show "The Anointing," the gospel musical "A Taste of Life" the hit show "No More Drama, Please!" and "The Corinthian Scandal." On the music side, West is the recipient of a Gold Album on which she sang the theme song on the soundtrack for the movie *Rocky I*. A native of San Diego, California, West resides in Atlanta, Georgia.

About the Director

ROGER MELVIN

Roger Melvin is a versatile filmmaker with extensive television and feature film credits to his name. He has played key behind-the-scenes roles as well as directed and produced features and television films. His directing credits include the GMC TV original gospel plays "She's Still Not Our Sister," "The Love You Save," "Sugar Mommas," the documentary feature "Agree to Disagree," and "He's Mine Not Yours," a feature which Melvin also produced.

About GMC

GMC (www.watchGMCTv.com) is America's favorite television channel for uplifting music and family entertainment. The Parents Television Council™ awarded its Entertainment Seal of Approval™ to GMC for being "an authentic family-friendly cable network." In 2011, GMC was the second fastest growing ad supported cable network in total day households and A18-49. GMC can be seen in more than 51 million homes on various cable systems around the country, as well as DISH Network on channel 188, DIRECTV on channel 338 and Verizon FiOS on channel 224. Follow GMC TV on Facebook and Twitter at <http://facebook.com/gmctv> and <http://twitter.com/gmctv>.

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