



Eye of the Artists

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Dear Gospel Music Artist:

My name is Annie Ruth and I am the founder of Eye of the Artists Foundation, a 501(c) 3 arts and education organization based in Cincinnati, Ohio. I am writing to share an exciting project we are producing to educate the community about the legacy of *gospel music*. The gift of art God blessed me with has literally changed lives and my prayer is that our project will inspire others, particularly youths, to learn about the legacy of gospel music.

Each arts education curriculum set, *Celebrating the Legacy of Gospel Music*, will feature a Gospel Music guidebook and bio cards highlighting selected gospel artists. The visual artwork of a regional or national fine artist will be used to capture the spirit of the gospel artist's ministry.

We plan to produce sets that will be distributed free during the "*I Hear Music in the Air*" event in Cincinnati, Ohio at the end of May. I will be facilitating a session called **Spirit-born Creativity: The Ministry of Visual Art** and I thought it would be nice to share this arts education curriculum gift with participants that will be attending the event. There is no cost to you for being included in this set; however, we need your permission to reproduce your photograph(s) and biographical information. I have enclosed a permission form with this letter. This form can also be downloaded from our web site at www.eyeoftheartists.org. Please return the permission form along with your full biography and a high resolution photograph of yourself to our office by April 10, 2010.

I've enclosed a copy of the *History Through Art Dorothy Height* arts and education curriculum packet we produced in 2008 as an example of how we connect the visual art to history. You may also visit our website at www.eyeoftheartists.org to see an overview of what Eye of the Artists does in the community. Also feel free to visit www.annieruth.com to find out more information about some of my work as an artist.

If you have questions or concerns about the project, please don't hesitate to contact me or Carla Thomason, our Business Manager, at (513) 821-2787 or email eyeoftheartists@fuse.net.

Sincerely,

Annie Ruth