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GOSPEL SINGER, YOLANDA ADAMS, TO PERFORM BENEFIT AT TOUGALOO COLLEGE SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2006

TOUGALOO, Miss.--Tougaloo College is proud to present nationally known gospel singer, Yolanda Adams, with J Moss and Nuthin But Stringz, in concert on Saturday, January 14, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. The concert will be held at the historic college's George B. and Ruth Owens Health, Wellness and Human Resource Center in the Kroger Gymnasium. Tickets are \$65 (VIP includes a reception with Ms. Adams), \$35 for reserved seats, and \$25 for general admission. Tickets may be purchased at the Office of Institutional Advancement on the Tougaloo College campus and at Be-Bop Record Stores, BIP Records, and KJ's Superstore in Jackson, and Heavenly Inspirations in Clinton.

Long before Yolanda Adams recorded her first album, she was a school teacher in Houston, during the mid 80's. Adam is the eldest of six siblings. Though raised in the church, she was influenced by several music types. Adams grew up listening to jazz and classical music as well as gospel music by James Cleveland and a host of others.

Adams debut album, *Just as I Am*, was released in 1988. Adams has released a total of 19 albums to date bringing an infusion of change to the gospel industry with her sensational style.

Founded in 1869, Tougaloo College is a private, historically black, coeducational, four-year liberal arts institution, located in Madison County, on the northern edge of Jackson, Mississippi. Known nationally as "The Cradle of the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi," the College is led by its first female president, Dr.

Beverly Wade Hogan. The 13th president of Tougaloo College, Dr. Hogan is a 1973 graduate of the College and a native Mississippian. Under her visionary leadership, the College boasts a student retention rate of 78% and ranks as one the top five historically black colleges and universities whose graduates earn their PhDs in the sciences. More than half (66%) of its graduates enter graduate and professional schools immediately after graduation. Today, Tougaloo College is the leading producer of African American health professionals, including over 40% of the physicians and dentists, practicing in the state of Mississippi. It has produced more than one-third of the state's African American attorneys and educators, including teachers, principals, and school superintendents.

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