

## Reverend Ernie Cox Releases Long-Awaited CD, Celebrates with Two Blues & Gospel Concerts at the NAC's 4th Stage



OTTAWA, Feb. 4 — The title says it all: retired from the ministry, and releasing his first major album of blues and black gospel at age 61—there's always *one more time*.

Just a few years ago, **Reverend Ernie Cox**—already a well-known musician on Ottawa's gospel scene—retired from the ministry. He wanted to make his music accessible to everyone, to perform beyond just Sunday mornings—so he put together a band and gospel choir, and headed to Montreal to record this album of blues and gospel numbers, all resting comfortably alongside each other.

It isn't much of a stretch, really—despite the hardship and heartache, these blues songs often strike a note of hope, just as his gospel numbers speak of a *higher* hope. But for Ernie, gospel music isn't really *gospel* unless that hope is realized in a better, fuller, more meaningful life, today—and that's the same inclusive, second-chance message he's always preached. “**One More Time**” is the musical culmination of his long, storied career.

Cox has previously performed with the Montreal Jubilation Gospel Choir, opened for Ray Bonneville, and played at the Tulip and Perth Summer Festivals, among others. He also led Ottawa's *Fourth Avenue Baptist Church* in the Glebe for many years, and became acclaimed for his preaching and musical gifts. Ernie both sings and plays piano, and has been frequently compared to **Ray Charles**, **Dr. John**, and **Charles Brown**.

“**One More Time**”, his long-awaited album of inspiring blues and black gospel music, will be released with two special concerts on **February 19th & 20th , 8:00pm**, at the **National Arts Centre, 4th Stage**. Tickets for the Saturday show (Feb. 20) are already sold out.

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