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## **McDonald's<sup>®</sup> Gospelfest<sup>®</sup> 2012**

Roseland, NJ – McDonald's New York Tri-State Area Restaurants announces open auditions for **McDonald's Gospelfest 2012**, the 29<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of gospel music. The auditions will be split into two groups. Locations, dates, and times are as follows:

**Auditions for Soloists, Rappers and singing Groups of 2 – 8 people will be held at the following McDonald's Restaurants:**

Saturday, January 21, 2012	9:00am-12:00pm	471 S. Fulton Ave, Mt Vernon, NY
Saturday, January 21, 2012	2:00pm-5:00pm	375 Central Ave, East Orange, NJ
Sunday, January 22, 2012	3:00pm-5:00pm	215 West 125th St., New York, NY
Tuesday, January 24, 2012	5:00pm-8:00pm	700 Broadway Brooklyn, NY
Wednesday, January 25, 2012	5:00pm-8:00pm	900 Broadway, Amityville, NY
Thursday, January 26, 2012	5:00pm-8:00pm	1900 Fairfield Ave, Bridgeport, CT
Friday, January 27, 2012	5:00pm-8:00pm	3542 Route 66 East, Neptune, NJ

**Auditions for Praise Dancers, Steppers and Choirs of 9 or more people (Adult, Youth or Out-of-town) will be held at the following location:**

Saturday, January 28, 2012	9:00am-4:00pm	Port Authority, W. 42 <sup>nd</sup> St. & 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave.
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**For more information or an audition appointment, call Irving Street at 973.643.6262.**

If unable to attend the auditions, applicants can still enter by sending a 3-minute DVD or CD. Submissions must be clearly labeled with the following information: name, address, phone number, email address, category and number of group members (if applicable). Submissions should be mailed to: McDonald's Gospelfest 2012, 50 Park Place, Suite 1219, Newark, NJ 07102. **Deadline for submission is Monday, January 30, 2012.**

The finalists will compete at **McDonald's Gospelfest 2012**, which will be held at the **Prudential Center** on **Saturday, May 12, 2012**.

**McDonald's Gospelfest** originated in 1983 under the auspices of the McDonald's Corporation and the McDonald's Tri-State Owner/Operator Association. Twenty-nine years later, it has emerged as the nation's preeminent Gospel celebration, bringing joy, inspiration, encouragement and hope to millions of Americans. Previous McDonald's Gospelfest participants have gone on to successful careers in entertainment, including the renowned Reverend Hezekiah Walker, who headlines The McDonald's Gospelfest celebration each year with his Love Fellowship Choir.

Over the course of the past 29 years, The McDonald's Tri-State Owner/Operator Association has awarded millions of dollars in scholarship money. The McDonald's Gospelfest competition has been an important fundraising event which supports education opportunities within local communities.

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For all media requests, contact Brian Clark at [bclark@irvingstreetrep.com](mailto:bclark@irvingstreetrep.com).**

**About McDonald's New York Tri-State Area Restaurants**

McDonald's is the world's best-known brand and is the global leader in food service. There are more than 600 McDonald's restaurants, owned by 100 franchisees, located throughout the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut tri-state area. For more information, please visit [www.mcdonaldsnymetro.com](http://www.mcdonaldsnymetro.com).

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