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The St. Thomas Gospel Choir

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PHL LIVE Best In Gospel Music 2016

The St Thomas Gospel Choir of the African Episcopal Church Of St Thomas Wins Best in Gospel Music for the 2016 PHL Live Music Awards

After hundreds of applications a panel of 3 experienced professionals in gospel music had 5 finalists perform live on November 3, 2016 at the Reformation Lutheran Church in Mount Airy. After an amazing, spiritual and extremely musical performance of the choirs music ministry the judges overwhelmingly awarded the St Thomas Gospel Choir as this years PHL Live Best In Gospel Music Winner.

The Grand Finale and Award Showcase took place at the Trocadero on Thursday December 8th to a full house of recipients from all genres of music.

As this years winner the choir will receive a cash prize, studio recording time, a citation from the Mayors Office from the the City of Philadelphia and other performance opportunities throughout the year at citywide events.

Marcus Smith of Radio Station Praise 107.9 formally presented the choir with their award during their Sunday morning service on Sunday December 11th at St Thomas Church.

PHL Live Center Stage is a music initiative highlighting Philadelphias top musical talent accross 10 different genre categories, bringing diverse musicians together. This initiative stems from Councilman at Large David Oh, The Chairman of City Councils Committee on Global Opportunities and Creative/Innovative Economy.