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NEW RELEASE

THE SOJOURNERS

Hold On

"Keep your ear on the prize because "Hold On" is it! Mosely, Sanders and Small really deliver it and Dawson's band wraps up the package. **Marc Lindy, "Gospel Train" CFRO (Vancouver).**

Quotes for The Sojourners recent work on Jim Byrnes' "House of Refuge".

"Jim Byrnes is one of the most soulful singers to ever call Vancouver home, but on his new gospel-blues release, House of Refuge, the veteran musician gets some pretty stiff competition from the Sojourners, aka vocalists Marcus Mosely, Will Sanders, and Ron Small. The trio...sets the tone for some seriously spiritual sounds..." **Steve Newton, The Georgia Straight (Vancouver).**

"Featured prominently are The Sojourners, a gospel trio who add magnificent vocal harmonies..." **Maple Blues (International).**

"...Aided by the triumphant gospel trio the Sojourners and the chafed fiddle of Jesse Zubot, Byrnes does great songs of hope..." **Brad Wheeler, The Globe And Mail. (National).**

Hold On, is the debut recording for the Vancouver based gospel vocal trio, **Will Sanders, Ron Small and Marcus Mosely**. All three are integral members of Vancouver's premiere gospel choir, **The Good Noise Vancouver Gospel Choir** and they originally came together to appear on and make a very significant contribution to **Jim Byrnes'** 2007 **Juno Award** winning CD **House of Refuge**.

While the Sojourners sound like they have been singing together for years, **Hold On** marks only their first year of performing as a vocal trio. With appearances at the Vancouver, Edmonton and Salmon Arm Folk Festivals, as well as the Vancouver Jazz Festival, the Sojourners are just beginning to make their mark on the Canadian music scene.

With minimal accompaniment, and produced and recorded live off the floor by Steve Dawson in Vancouver, **Hold On** captures the spirit of the "old school" gospel recordings of the 1930's and '40's harmonies (in the tradition of such groups as **The Swan Silvertones, The Golden Gate Quartet, The Soul Stirrers**), combined with soulful multi-textured vocals reminiscent of **Curtis Mayfield's** famous trio, **The Impressions**. With the accompaniment of Steve Dawson (Zubot and Dawson) on guitars, Keith Lowe (Fiona Apple, Bill Frisell) on bass, and Geoff Hicks (Colin James) on drums, **Hold On** was recorded over a period of 3 days with all vocalists and instruments in the same room... just like the old days!

About The Sojourners

Ron Small has numerous stage, film and television appearances to his credit, including an appearance on the **Ed Sullivan Show**, in 1958, as a member of the **Fabulous Pearls**.

Will Sanders is a veteran performer whose credits include a starring role in Anne Mortifee's *tour de force* stage production, "**When the Rains Come**", for which he received a **Jessie Richardson Award** nomination.

Marcus Mosely has performed throughout North America, Europe, Asia, Africa and the South Pacific. He began recording back in 1975 with a Folk Gospel group called, "**The Family**". After moving to Canada in 1986, Mosely made his Canadian "legitimate" stage debut in the acclaimed Arts Club Theatre production "**Ain't Misbehavin'**"

The Sojourners tour and perform regularly with Jim Byrnes, in various iterations on their own and with a number of gospel groups and choirs. Watch for the Sojourners on tour soon!



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