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## DARIUS BROOKS BARES IT ALL WITH NEW RELEASE "MY SOUL"

Chicago, IL – April 4<sup>th</sup>, GRAMMY Award winning songwriter / producer Darius Brooks releases his best yet..."MY SOUL." This true renaissance man places it all on the line as producer, artist, songwriter and label owner for the world to experience the bearing of his soul in a moving and inspiring musical journey.

The career of Darius Brooks spans over two decades and includes songwriting, accompanist, production and arrangement credit for a myriad of Gospel luminaries that include Shirley Caesar, Vickie Winans, Ricky Dillard, Daryl Coley and the famed Rev. Milton Brunson and the "Tommies", as well as R&B icons Aretha Franklin, Lou Rawls and Stevie Wonder to name but a few. For over eight years Brooks has been the Musical Director for Jesse Jackson's Rainbow PUSH Coalition.

MY SOUL features classics including the title track originally recorded by Donnie Hathaway in 1970 (Thank You Master, For My Soul), along with two songs close to Darius' heart "Lord I Believe", written by Percy Bady and "Thank You," both from his eighteen year tenure with the late Rev. Milton Brunson and the Thompson Community Singers. This project would not be complete without the ballads that have become the signature of Darius Brooks, for this reason he adds "Trust You More," the first single released from the album and "Healed Heart" which is also featured on jazz legend Ramsey Lewis' "With One Voice" (2005). The hard-hitting, contemporary track "Put Your Hands Up," produced by Steve "Stone" Huff (Zomba) can go undetected on R&B / Hip Hop stations around the globe, but the commanding message of adoration to GOD sets it apart. "Survivor" inspired by the nation's recent wave of natural disasters, meant to encourage and uplift those affected by the tragedies. Brooks pulls out all the stops to create an eclectic mixture on this project that appeals to a wide range of listeners.

With this collection of songs from MY SOUL, Brooks is sure to continue blazing a trail that is on the heels of the acclaimed success he received for YOUR WILL. The title track and hit single placed Brooks and his backup ensemble SDM at the 2004 Stellar Awards with a performance and nomination for Contemporary Choir of the Year. YOUR WILL has found it's place among the timeless hits already in Darius' repertoire including: "Safe in His Arms," "My Mind's Made Up," "For the Good of Them" and many more.

Brooks' MY SOUL release schedule already includes performances on Praise The Lord (Trinity Broadcasting Network), Singsation (WGN the Superstation) and the Bobby Jones Retreat (WORD Network). SGN The Light (Atlanta, GA) serves as radio host for the on-air release party on the K.D. Bowe Morning Show, syndicated in 46 markets. While in Nashville, TN for the DOVE AWARDS he will also interview with the BeBe Winans Radio Show along with other stations around the country.

Today with great satisfaction Brooks releases MY SOUL on Journey Music Group (JMG) where he is President and CEO. He has a full staff and a state of the art recording studio, DebDash (named after his wife Deborah and two-year old daughter Dasha). MY SOUL is the first of three projects to be released on JMG in 2006 and is distributed by KOCH Entertainment.

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