

SING OUT: A CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February 1, 2013, featuring the Mt. Zion Gospel Choir
St. John the Evangelist church in downtown Spring Green

Mt Zion Gospel Choir, Leotha Stanley, Director

The Mt. Zion Baptist Church Gospel Choir is comprised of members, family and friends of the church, which marked its 100-year anniversary in 2011.

Under the leadership of Leotha Stanley, the choir combines jazz, blues and gospel harmonies to “raise the roof” in captivating and spiritually transporting experiences throughout Wisconsin. Building on a reputation that has been growing for years, the choir has performed with highly acclaimed gospel artists including Tramaine Hawkins and the Blind Boys of Alabama. They have also appeared with Michael Bolton, Bishop Desmond TuTu, Sister Thea Bowman and Martin Luther King, Sr., and have made tours in Wisconsin, Germany and France. Their performances are accompanied by an instrumental ensemble that includes saxophone, Flute, bass, percussion, drums and keyboards.

In 2011, the Gospel Choir brought together a month-long program of inspirational music to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. The choir also performed for the Chazen Museum of Art Expansion Opening. Recent seasons have included performances at Overture Center for the Arts, Middleton Performing Arts Center, Nicolet College and with the UW Varsity Band.

Leotha Stanley was the Wisconsin Academy of Arts, Letters and Sciences 2008 Minerva Laureate. He served as the Coordinator for the Mary Lou Williams year-long Centennial celebration, which included concerts and educational programs; he also directed the Mary Lou Mass.”