



ASIAN INDIAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

*Cordially Invites You To Attend A Special Fundraising Concert With*

# THE GATT QUINTET



**7:00 P.M.**

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2008

**WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

1500 PLAINFIELD AVENUE • SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080

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A SPECIAL OFFERING WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THIS CONCERT • PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE AICC BUILDING FUND



# THE GATT QUINTET



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THE MUSIC OF THE GATT QUINTET COULD BE BEST DESCRIBED AS "MUSIC WITH SOUL." DRAWING INSPIRATION FROM THE PLAINTIVE SOUNDS OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUALS, THEIR MUSIC ECHOES THE SAME SOULFUL SOUND THAT THESE SPIRITUALS RESONATE WITH, WHILE BRINGING TO MIND MELODIES THAT HAVE OFTEN SERVED TO INSPIRE WORSHIP. THEIR REPERTOIRE SPANS THE ENTIRE RANGE OF CONTEMPORARY GOSPEL MUSIC AND TRADITIONAL HYMNS AS WELL AS AN ECLECTIC SELECTION OF POPULAR SONGS. BUT IT IS WORSHIP-PURE AND SIMPLE — THAT REMAINS AN INTEGRAL COMPONENT AND MOTIVATION FOR EACH OF THEIR PROGRAMS.

A DISTINCT QUALITY OF THEIR PERFORMANCE IS THAT THEY MAKE VERY LITTLE USE OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PREFER INSTEAD TO EXPLOIT THE FULL RANGE OF THEIR VOICES TO CREATE PURE HARMONY. THIS HARMONY IS NOT ONLY ABOUT MUSIC BUT A LOT MORE. IT COMES FROM THE TREMENDOUS BOND THAT EXISTS BETWEEN EACH OF THE GROUP MEMBERS AND THE BOND THAT THEY HOPE TO CREATE WITH THEIR AUDIENCES. MUSIC LOVERS EXPERIENCED THIS HARMONY FOR THEMSELVES WHEN THE GATT PERFORMED ACROSS THE WORLD IN THE MANY YEARS THEY HAVE BEEN TOGETHER.

IN THE FOUR DECADES OF THEIR MUSICAL CAREER, THE GATT QUINTET HAS HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF PERFORMING TO DISCERNING AUDIENCES IN THEIR HOME COUNTRY INDIA, IN THE EARLIER PART OF THEIR SINGING CAREER AND THEN MOVED INTO THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE IN AUSTRALIA, SWITZERLAND, UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES. THEY HAVE RELEASED TWO CDS (A TRADITIONAL GOSPEL AND A CHRISTMAS CD) WHICH HAVE HAD GREAT REVIEWS. THESE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AFTER THEIR PERFORMANCE.

AS FOR THE ORIGIN OF THE GROUP, IT WAS THEIR MUTUAL LOVE FOR MUSIC AND A STRONG PASSION FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUALS THAT BROUGHT FOUR TEENAGERS TOGETHER MORE THAN FORTY YEARS AGO IN THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP OF THE EMMANUEL METHODIST CHURCH IN THE SOUTHERN CITY OF CHENNAI, INDIA. BY THE MID-SEVENTIES THE YOUNG MEN GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE AND EMBARKED ON SEPARATE CAREER PATHS. TWO BECAME PHYSICIANS, ONE AN ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE AND ONE AN AEROSPACE ENGINEER, WHO NOW LIVES IN SAN DIEGO, USA, AND WHOSE ABSENCE BROUGHT A FIFTH MEMBER, ALSO A PHYSICIAN, INTO THE GROUP. THE GATT QUARTET THUS BECAME THE GATT QUINTET.

EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE NOW SEPARATED PHYSICALLY, THEY ARE STILL HELD TOGETHER BY THEIR LOVE FOR MUSIC AND THE BOND THAT THEY SHARE WITH EACH OTHER. SUCCESSES IN THEIR CHOSEN CAREER PATHS HAVE MADE THEM PURSUE MUSIC FOR THE SHEER LOVE OF IT AND THIS SHOWS IN THEIR PERFORMANCE.

IN 2009, THE GATT QUINTET HAS BEEN INVITED TO PERFORM AS AN ALUMNI MEMBER AT THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC FESTIVAL IN THE VATICAN, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF SIR DAVID WILCOCKS.

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## DIRECTIONS

### FROM 22 EASTBOUND

MAKE RIGHT ON ROCK AVE, GO ABOUT 2 MILES; MAKE A LEFT ON WEST SEVENTH STREET, GO ABOUT 2 MILES AND MAKE A RIGHT ONTO PLAINFIELD AVE, GO ABOUT HALF MILE, WESLEY IS ON YOUR RIGHT.

### FROM 22 WESTBOUND

MAKE A JUG HANDLE LEFT TURN ONTO ROCK AVE AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS ABOVE.

### FROM 287 SOUTHBOUND

TAKE EXIT 5, MAKE LEFT AT LIGHT, PASS THE BRIDGE AND GO TO THE NEXT LIGHT AND MAKE A RIGHT ONTO HAMILTON BOULEVARD, PASS THE HOME DEPOT AND GO TO THE NEXT LIGHT, MAKE A SHARP LEFT, THAT IS STILL HAMILTON BOULEVARD, STAY ON THE SAME ROAD, IT WILL TURN INTO PLAINFIELD AVE, KEEP GOING UNTIL YOU SEE 7-ELEVEN STORE ON YOUR RIGHT AND MAKE A RIGHT THERE. YOU ARE STILL ON PLAINFIELD AVE, GO A HALF MILE. WESLEY IS ON YOUR LEFT.

### FROM GARDEN STATE PARKWAY

TAKE EXIT 131. MAKE A RIGHT AT LIGHT. THAT IS ROUTE 27. GO TO THE NEXT LIGHT AND MAKE A RIGHT, THAT IS WOOD AVE. GO TO THE NEXT LIGHT AND MAKE A LEFT, THAT IS OAK TREE ROAD. GO ABOUT 3 MILES ON OAK TREE AND MAKE A RIGHT ONTO PARK AVE. GO TO THE NEXT LIGHT AND MAKE A LEFT, THAT IS MAPLE AVE. GO TO THE SECOND LIGHT AND MAKE RIGHT, THAT IS PLAINFIELD AVE. GO TO THE SECOND LIGHT AND MAKE A RIGHT AT 7-ELEVEN STORE. YOU ARE STILL ON PLAINFIELD AVE. WESLEY IS HALF A MILE ON YOUR LEFT.