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# *This Little Light of Mine*

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Plantation Singers Newsletter

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## **Welcome to Our Newsletter**

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Hello Friends,

The beginning of 2006 was very busy for us. Besides doing our regular gigs, we recently performed in the “piccolo part” of Spoleto Festival USA in Charleston, SC, and in the North Charleston Cultural Arts Festival at the Performing Arts Center in North Charleston, SC. We were again invited to participate in the Carolina Children’s Charity Telethon which aired on Channel 2 in March in the Charleston area.

We will soon be booking performances that will be open to the public for the fall. So please check out our upcoming events calendar on our website. Our public performances are free unless otherwise indicated.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Righteous Blends for their hard work in helping to meet the performance schedule so far this year. For those of you who don’t know, the Righteous Blends is the

brother group to the Plantation Singers, and with the combined performances of both groups has added a whole new dimension. The men’s group was formed in November 2002, and they have been going strong ever since. More information on the men will be forthcoming in later issues of the newsletter.

In addition to the Righteous Blends, a new  
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## **MEET THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:**

### **Martha A. Brooks**

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Some people truly are larger than life. With a charisma that exudes itself in powerful vocal performances, Martha A. Brooks is one of those people. Nearing the age of 77, “Momma” Martha carries herself with an exuberance and style that is inspiring to everyone who meets her. The mother of group director Lynnette White, she moved to Charleston, SC, in May 1996 from Tacoma, WA. Shortly after, the Plantation Singers was formed in June 1996.

The Plantation Singers is a professional a cappella spiritual singing group renowned locally, nationally and internationally for their singing of the music of the Lowcountry.

Besides holding up the low end of the group vocals, Momma Martha has also helped with managing product sales, sewing outfits for the Plantation Singers and providing the wisdom and guidance only a mother can. A retired registered

nurse, she has a long list of performance credentials. She is a former member of Memorie Singers and Sisters, both senior singing groups in Tacoma, WA.

She has also performed extensively as a soloist with the Swing Aires, a senior singing group in Tacoma WA , and with various

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group has been added to the organization. This new group, the Rainbow Gospel Singers, combines both men and women. The Rainbow Gospel Singers were formed in January 2006, and they have been a marvelous addition to the organization. More information on the Rainbow Gospel Singers will also be forthcoming later.

Our featured article in this publication of the newsletter is about Martha A. Brooks, the assistant director of the Plantation Singers, the Righteous Blends, and the Rainbow Gospel Singers of Charleston. Those who know Martha "Momma" Brooks know that she has worked

hard to help keep the "show on the road." After 10 years, she has semi-retired from the organization and is now residing in Tucson, AZ. However, when needed you will find her back in Charleston hard at work with the organization doing whatever needs to be done.

In our future newsletters, we will give you an opportunity to meet other members of our organization as they are featured in upcoming articles. So, please keep check. In this newsletter you will: meet the assistant director of the Plantation Singers, the Righteous Blends and the Rainbow Gospel Singers, get information on upcoming public performances

and information on where and how to order our products. Please continue to visit our website for up to the minute information and to enjoy free music samples.

As always, please send us your e-mail address so that we can place you on our growing electronic mailing list. And also, please let your family and friends know to come visit our website for special treats and updates throughout the year that will only be available on the Internet. Again, thank you for all your support, and we hope to see you soon!

Keep the light shinin'!  
The Plantation Singers

**Meet the Assistant Director, cont.**

choral and church groups over the years.

In addition to her musical activities, Momma Martha has performed with the theatrical group "Seniors On Stage" in Tacoma, WA, and was a costumer with the Little Theater of Winston-Salem, NC. She has taken on her "third career" as a full-time grandmother and has recently semi-retired from the organization and currently resides in Tucson, AZ.



**Martha "Momma" Brooks  
Assistant Director**

**Plantation Singers  
Merchandise**

The Plantation Singers have CDs, cassettes, a DVD, a video and postcards that are now available through our website. Take advantage of the opportunity to share this unique music with your family and friends and bring some gospel into your home.

By capturing the power and style of the live performances of traditional gospel favorites, the Plantation Singers can now share their unique music with anyone. Order a copy of any product and experience a part of this unique culture and the charismatic style of this group.



Boone Hall  
Plantation  
Mt. Pleasant,  
South Carolina



Rice Hope  
Plantation  
Moncks Corner,  
South Carolina



Middleton Place  
Charleston,  
South Carolina

# Upcoming Events

Admission is free unless otherwise indicated.

## Please check our upcoming events calendar on our website to see where our next public performances will be.



Drayton Hall  
Charleston, SC



Magnolia  
Plantation  
& Gardens  
Charleston, SC



Cypress Gardens  
Moncks Corner,  
SC

# Get News, Hear the Music

While surfing on the Web you can now listen to Plantation Singers selections on the Uplink, Unitarian Universalist Webcast (Radio). The Web-cast is found at [www.live365.com](http://www.live365.com), one of the Internet's leading independent Web radio stations. Simply click on "Religious" and when the page loads, scroll down to the "Uplink" entry.

### Plantation Singers continue to lead MP3 Gospel Chart

Plantation Singers "Amazing Grace" has received over 10,000 downloads since being posted to the Internet in late September 1999.

### Plantation Singers Featured on Info Line

The Plantation Singers can be heard through your telephone on INFO LINE, the phone information service of the Post and Courier. You can listen by dialing (843) 937-6000, pressing B-A-N-D (2263) and then pressing 1799.

**You can also hear the Plantation Singers on the following stations.  
Be sure to call and request your favorite songs.**

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