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## **Guess Who's Going to Denver!**

### ***Multicultural Agape International Choir to Raise the Roof at Democratic National Convention***

CULVER CITY, CA – One hundred thirty members of the multi-racial, multi-ethnic Agape International Choir and Agape House band, under the direction of **Dr. Rickie Byars Beckwith**, head for Denver this week for several performances including two at the **Democratic National Convention**, tentatively scheduled Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, in the Pepsi Arena and Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, in the Invesco Stadium. The Choir is the heart of the Music and Arts Ministry of the Agape International Spiritual Center based in Culver City near Los Angeles.

True to the compelling vision of 'a world that works for everyone' as espoused and practiced by the Agape Movement and its founder, **Michael Bernard Beckwith**, a featured teacher in the film and book *The Secret*, the Agape Choir travels to the DNC with the theme, "**Standing for a World United in Love.**"

The Choir delivers upbeat, rhythmic renditions of original compositions, congregational and contemporary chants and traditional sacred songs of celebration. This multi-cultural choir tours extensively and enjoys global recognition for the richness of its voices, the diversity of its members' eclectic ancestries, and the ancient and contemporary musical influences that inspire it. Signature harmonies, vibrant ethnic costumes and breathtaking coloratura create the perfect instrument to spread the word that there is unity in diversity, and inherent harmony in global community.

**Note: Electronic Press Kit at [www.giftofagape.org](http://www.giftofagape.org).**

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#### Tentative Denver Tour Schedule:

- City of Denver Welcoming Celebration- Rickie Byars Beckwith & Friends, Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> 7pm
- Mile Hi Center for Spiritual Living, Sunday, Choir w/ Rev. Michael Beckwith August 24<sup>th</sup> 8am, 10am and 12pm
- Green Frontier Festival at the Denver Performing Arts Complex, Choir Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> pm time TBA
- Inter-Faith Festival in Big Tent, Choir featuring Rev. Michael Bernard Beckwith, Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 8am
- Democratic National Convention in the Pepsi Arena, Choir w/ Celebrity Singer, Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 5:45pm
- Democratic National Convention in Invesco Stadium, Choir Ensemble w/ Celebrity Singer Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> pm time TBA

#### **About the Agape International Choir**

Under the direction of Dr. Rickie Byars Beckwith, the Agape Choir is the core music ministry of the Agape International Spiritual Center. A multi-ethnic group with nearly 200 members, the Choir began as a 30-voice holiday season presentation in December 1988. Rickie Byars Beckwith, a prolific composer, singer, performer and music director, is widely known as an intuitive channel of healing music. Her songs are a profound experience that open the heart, touch the soul, and lift the spirit. With the combined writing and composing talents of "Rickie BB" and husband, founder and spiritual director, Michael Bernard Beckwith, the Choir is known for its signature sectional harmonies, hand-clapping counterpoint, devotional power, and vibrant élan. Through live appearances, audio and video tapes, the Choir's music has been heard from Santa Monica to South Central; from Somalia to South Africa; from all across the United States to all around the world.