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RECOGNITION

Dorothy "Dottie" Peoples (born August 12, 1950) is an American gospel singer from Dayton, Ohio. After completing high school, she toured with gospel pioneer Dorothy Norwood, a member of the Caravans. After a stint in jazz, she relocated to Atlanta in 1979, and returned to her gospel roots picking up record deal AIR Gospel. Dottie's hits, On Time God, Testify, I God This and more has dubbed her "Songbird of the South". She is two-time Grammy nominated, a five-time Stellar Award winner and a Dove Award recipient, and now CEO of her own label, DP MUZIK GROUP.

Dottie Peoples' name embodies the spirit of who she is, a “people person” who continuously reaches out to others to uplift, encourage, and inspire. Her music is a call to action, not for one audience, but for everyone, and her style is all her own. Few people possess a voice that can usher people into the presence of God with more joy and immediacy than Dottie Peoples. Blessed with a soulful, passionate voice and an unbridled love for the Lord and her fellow man, Peoples is an electrifying presence on stage that turns any concert into an all-out revival.

Dottie Peoples served as general manager of Church Door Records and launched her own radio show. After 14 years with Church Door, Peoples signed with AIR Records and took her career to another level, earning her first Stellar Award nomination. Her 1994 release on AIR, “On Time God,” was a pivotal release that rocketed to No. 1 on the charts. She is a three-time Grammy nominee, Soul Train, Dove Award winner and a multi-Stellar Awards winner. To her credits she has 56 prestigious awards, nominations, and recognitions that fill her resume. She has appeared in countless television appearances, movies, tours, stage plays and special performances.

Peoples is on a mission to reach people for Christ and that interaction with listeners is a precious connection to her. “What makes me love what I do more than anything is people,” she says. “So many folks come up to me, some of them crying, some of them just hugging me, some of them so excited,” she says. “Just to know that you’ve touched their lives and blessed them like that – it’s a feeling that you never ever get over.”

Not only is she a singer she is a spokesperson, entrepreneur, and businesswoman including her own ministry cooperation. In 2008, she formed her own record label “DP MUZIK GROUP” based in Atlanta Georgia. Through it all, Dottie’s mission and principal focus remain intact. Her ministry is “people”.