

The Jones Family Singers, consisting in part of five sisters, two brothers and their father, have been tearing up churches and festivals for almost three decades. And now with *Live from Mt. Zion*, a follow up to 2014's critically acclaimed studio effort *The Spirit Speaks* (Arts+Labor), this sensational gospel band has translated their awe inspiring stage show to an album that's contagious and thrilling; a full on emotional explosion of passion and precision. Recorded at the family's home base, The Mt. Zion Pentecostal Holiness Church in the tiny town of Markham, Texas, this powerful compilation of songs shows a dynamic and timeless range of material and repertoire paired with vocal virtuosity and musicianship that holds its own with the top acts on the touring circuit today.

"Modern practitioners of a long musical tradition...infusing their joyful, reverent songs with elements of vintage soul and R&B" declares the *Wall Street Journal*. "The three-generation gospel collective's high-energy performances are the living embodiment of the indelible connection between the black church and its rock and soul offspring" notes the *Austin Chronicle*. "It was all joyful praise, brilliantly timed with one crescendo after another" boasts the *New York Times*, and both *Rolling Stone* and *NPR* called them "a must see act" at SXSW.

The Jones Family Singers received a standing ovation at Lincoln Center and showcased at New York City's globalFEST and The Kennedy Center in Washington, DC in January 2015. The past couple of years saw them criss-crossing the globe with domestic and international appearances including Newport Folk Festival, Playboy Jazz Festival, Winnipeg Folk Festival, Monterey Jazz Festival, North Sea Jazz Festival, a two week tour of Russia, and an epic journey to the Holy Land.

Impressed by the band's fervor onstage and humility off, Austin filmmaker Alan Berg decided in 2012 to make a documentary that explored the triumphs and tribulations of this working gospel band. The artistry he witnessed onstage along with the compelling family dynamic came to fruition at film festivals last spring, entitled "The Jones Family Will Make a Way". Buoyed by the live album and a growing fan base both religious and secular the band is eagerly hitting the road. Besides churches, nightclubs, concert series and music festivals, they've also brought their powerful musical ministry to prisons, interfaith events and community celebrations.