

A Brighter Future



a documentary about the transforming power of music



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Synopses

Tagline

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60 Words

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A Brighter Future explores the relationship between singing in a choir and success in life.

Music has the power to transform lives. The scientific evidence has been demonstrated in numerous studies. This inspiring and uplifting documentary is about the **human** evidence.

100 Words

Crime, drugs, unemployment...despair. These social problems affect urban communities all over America. And nowhere more than Camden, NJ.

Is it possible to overcome these obstacles? Definitely! Meet five young adults whose futures are filled with hope.

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200 Words

Crime, drugs, unemployment...despair. These social problems affect urban communities all over America. And nowhere more than Camden, NJ. Named one of the most dangerous cities in America, and with a graduation rate of only 45% among public high school students, Camden is in danger of losing its young people to hopelessness.

Is it possible to overcome these obstacles? Even in Camden? The answer is a resounding **YES!**

Meet five young adults who grew up in Camden and have flourished. Due to their resilient spirits and the lessons learned through the Urban Promise Gospel Choir their futures are filled with hope!

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This uplifting and inspiring documentary looks at the way lives can be altered through the arts, and it provides encouragement to other communities hoping to engage their youth in constructive patterns of change.

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The Cast

This documentary features former members of the Urban Promise Gospel Choir.

Urban Promise is doing an extraordinary job of taking young people off the streets of Camden – recently named one of the most dangerous cities in America – and getting them involved in music, motivating them to finish school, and even sending some on to college. The choir provides more than music education. It also provides a nurturing atmosphere, mentoring in life skills, and opportunities for spiritual growth. For over fifteen years, Urban Promise has been able to give young people hope and the tools they need to create their own future.

The young people in the choir are even more remarkable. They've been able to rise above difficult environments and circumstances. They are thriving. And they credit the gospel choir with giving them the **encouragement, focus, and confidence** they need to succeed.

Bruce Main
Executive Director
Urban Promise

Cleve Johnson
Director
Urban Promise Gospel Choir

Ron King
Former Director
Urban Promise Gospel Choir

Members:

Shovaughn Chism
Chivon Hassan
Tanya Robinson
Jacob Rodriguez
Juanita Silver
Scott Silver

The Crew

Eve Burris – Producer/Director

Eve Burris has been involved in music for many years. Choral singing, playing several instruments, as well as mastering the technical aspects of music recording have given her a deep appreciation for the value of music in the lives of young people. She has also been part of the music ministry at Lamb of God Fellowship (West Orange, NJ) since its inception in 1988, and has experienced the joy, beauty and strength music adds to individual lives. In addition, Eve has been involved in media production since 1982, including nearly 10 years as owner of Burris Communications, a media production company specializing in video programs for corporate and industrial clients.

Mark Andersen (Lion's Eye Productions) – Principal Videography

Lion's Eye Productions is an independent video production company serving the New York-New Jersey-Pennsylvania area. Their clients include WNJN, Rutgers University, as well as Positive Communications (formerly FilmSpace), and they specialize in producing high quality digital video.

Marquise Lee – Videography

Marquise Lee is a camera operator with credits on more than 100 productions including productions viewed on the ResearchChannel, WNJN (New Jersey), Rutgers RUTV, News12 NJ and WYBE (Philadelphia).

Bill Milbrodt (Music & Sound Design) – Sound Design

Bill Milbrodt has scored music and designed sound for commercials, videos, multimedia, live theatre, and TV. For Don't Let Drugs Pull You Down, an Emmy Award winning public service announcement, he created the musical score as well as the sound of a hand reaching out of the grave. His cutting edge score for an off-beat video called American Venus won him an Emmy for Outstanding Original Music. He also designed the sound for two shows for the Tony Award winning Crossroads Theatre Company; Flyin' West, which went on to the Kennedy Center in New York, and the world premier of Lorraine Hansberry's What Use are Flowers? as part of the National Black Arts Festival in Atlanta.

Tom Sanitate (TS Productions) – Editing

Tom Sanitate is an award-winning editor with over 15 years of experience cutting documentaries, public service programs, commercials, and long form projects using Avid and Final Cut Pro systems.

Chris Greb – Music

Chris Greb is part of a new generation of musicians and describes his music as indy hip-hop.

The Music

Above & Beyond
Christopher Greb

Arms of Love
Craig Musseau
Mercy/Vineyard Publishing

Can't Nobody Do Me Like Jesus
Andraé Crouch
Bud-John Songs
EMI Christian Music Group

Full Tilt Gospel
Jack Waldenmaier
Music Bakery Publishing

Humbility
Christopher Greb

The Lord Thy God
Blane Morris
Integrity's Hosanna! Music

Nowhere
Christopher Greb

Production Stills



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Choir Performance

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Choir Rehearsal

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Festivals/Screenings

Festivals

Official Selection – Redemptive Storyteller Award

Redemptive Film Festival

www.redemptivefilms.com

October 31 – November 1, 2008

Regent University

School of Communication and the Arts

Main Auditorium

Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Official Selection – Honorable Mention

Bayou City Inspirational Film Festival

www.bciff.com

August 7, 2008 10:00a

Harvest Time

17770 Imperial Valley Dr.

Houston, TX 77060

Official Selection

New Jersey International Film Festival

www.njfilmfest.com

June 8, 2008 7:00p

Scott Hall #123

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

43 College Ave

New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Screenings

Montclair, NJ Public Library

September 22, 2008

Western Michigan University - EduCABLE

September-November 2008

City of Kalamazoo, MI - Community Access Channel

October 2008

Rutgers University - RU-tv

Rotating schedule throughout the year

William Paterson University - Cable Channel 06

Fall 2008

Town of Wayne, NJ - Channel 76

Fall 2008