

Artist Bio: Jennifer Evans

Guest Gospel Vocalist for Mike Wiley's stage adaptation of **BLOOD DONE SIGN MY NAME**, based on the memoir by Timothy Tyson

Jennifer Evans is a North Carolina songwriter, actress and recording artist. Jennifer has been singing since her childhood days growing up in her native Mississippi in a rural Baptist church choir. Her powerful and melodic voice has earned her the 2007 EnSound Music Award for Best Traditional Gospel Performer. In 2009 she made her independent film debut in the premier of *Foundation of the Earth* at the Nasher Museum at Duke University. She is a celebrated featured artist, performing at the Durham Arts and Performance Center -DPAC at the 2010 Goodman Awards; featured gospel artist at the Gainesville, Florida Juneteenth Celebration, and a regular lead performer for the annual North Carolina Murphey School Radio Variety Show.

Jennifer Evans is a cast member of the award-winning Hidden Voices Creative Pathways Performance Group. The 2023 critically acclaimed independent film based upon Mike Wiley's one-man show, *One Noble Journey, Box Brown: A Box Marked Freedom*, featured Jennifer as the main character's mother.

Jennifer Evans has produced two independent music projects: *Delayed, But Not Denied* and *Just Your Name*, both projects contained a majority of songs written and arranged by her. Multiple award-winning international gospel artist, **Dr. Earnest Pugh**, states, after hearing Jennifer perform at the EnSound Music Awards in NY, *"This is what I call good ole down home gospel singing! Not only did she capture the audience with her powerful words of exhortation, she took us all on a journey back in time...those stirring hymns of the church brought tears to our eyes, but comfort to our soul."*