



Program Alert – January 14, 2008

Canadian performing great Jackie Richardson profiled during Black History Month

– *The Incomparable Jackie Richardson* has its world television premiere on February 2 at 8 p.m. ET on Bravo! –

The Incomparable Jackie Richardson, produced by Lana Lovell of Panther Pictures in association with Bravo!, profiles the veteran Canadian music, theatre, film and television performer **Saturday, February 2 at 8 p.m. ET / 5 p.m. PT**. Recognized as one of Canada's foremost gospel, blues and jazz singers, Richardson shares thoughts on her personal and professional successes, and the challenges of an artist's lifestyle in this 60-minute documentary. In addition to her genuine interviews, *The Incomparable Jackie Richardson* includes performance footage from recent appearances at the Elora Music Festival.

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Showcasing her powerful stage presence, Richardson is joined at the festival by long-time friend, the late Canadian keyboardist Doug Riley (aka Dr. Music), bassist Dave Young and guitarist Ted Quinlan. Riley's son Ben joins the group on drums and Richardson's daughter Kim joins her mom on vocals making the performance a family affair. A focused and versatile artist whose career has spanned over 40 years, Richardson performs Oscar Peterson's *Hymn to Freedom*, and Joe Sealy and Dan Hill's *Deep Down Inside*.

Born into a musical family, Richardson moved to Canada with her parents when she was seven-years-old. With her first professional performing group The Tiaras, Richardson was instrumental in developing the 'Toronto sound,' while confessing she struggled with flat notes. Richardson's debut CD, *A Woman's View Through a Child's Eyes* was released in 2003 and this award-winning theatre star has appeared in hits such as *Cookin' at the Cookery* and *Ain't Misbehavin'*. Richardson is the recipient of a Canadian Black Achievement Award and has been nominated for a Juno, Gemini and AMPAC award.

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