Gespel's first fami



veryone knows the Winans name. And most folks know that the original quartet, the Winans, recorded groundbreaking gospel music in the '80s, influencing many gospel and secular R&B artists who are topping the charts today. BeBe and CeCe, the younger brother and sister duo and perhaps the more

famous of the siblings, was the first gospel act to cross over into the R&B charts with their 1998 release, "Heaven."

In all, 16 Winans will perform at the Fox Theatre this weekend.

Here's the family breakdown, and perhaps some things you may not know, like family nicknames and personality traits — tidbits that Delores (Mom) Winans has noticed during 50 years of marriage to David (Pop) Winans Sr.

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performing in the Lucille Lemons Choir. Lemons was a singer and choir director who was nationally known on the black gospel music circuit. The choir was directed by famed gospel music pioneer the Rev. James Cleveland. David and Delores had 10 children, all of whom perform

He's known for: Minstering to everyone, everywhere he goes.

She's known for: Being the stylish matriarch of the family, the one who encouraged her children to sing. The two recorded again recently at the insistence of their million-record-selling children.

Number of Grammys: Pop got a nomination for his first solo project in 2000.

Current CD: Pop's "Uncensored"; Mom's "An Affair to Remember."



David Winans Jr., 47 Family connection: The oldest of the clan, he plays the guitar and doesn't sing.

Known for: Heading to California to try and make it as a rock 'n' roll star; hence his nickname, Black Sheep, Mom Winans says.

Current CD: Plays percussion and quitar on "The Winans: The Verv Best Of.

The Winans Michael, 43, Ronald, 46, Carvin, 44, and Marvin, 44

Family connection: The group that started it all. The four brothers recorded their first album in 1974. Their dad took it to record stores and radio stations to promote it. In 1981 they were signed to Light Records by gospel legend Andrae Crouch. By 1989, the Winans had won five Grammys and revolutionized gospel music, melding secular R&B Motown sounds with traditional gospel music, the current sound in the genre

Known for: Changing the sound of gospel music and influencing many of the heavy hitters in gospel and secular music. including Kirk Franklin, Fred Hammond and Whitney Houston.

Number of Grammys: 5 Current CD: "The Winans: The Very Best Of"







Family connection: The sixth son of David and Delores often incorporates his family into his lyrics.

Known for: Being a theater performer;

he spends most of his talent on stage. Number of Grammys: None, but earned a nomination in 1989 for



BeBe and CeCe Winans Benjamin, 39, and Priscilla, 37

Family connection: The popular brothersister act was one of the first gospel acts to be played on secular radio stations in the late '80s. Like their older brothers, they wanted to combine Motown music with gospel. Their record company at the time, Capitol Records, was willing to put the kind of big money only pop singers had seen behind their debut album, 1984's "BeBe and CeCe Winans." There were music videos and extended tours to promote the album. CeCe released her debut solo album in 1995, and BeBe released "In Harm's Way" in 1997. Since then, BeBe has produced, written and guested on albums of other recording artists, working with Gladys Knight, Bobby Brown, the Clark Sisters, Stephanie Mills and his sisters Angie and Debbie Winans



Angie and Debbie Winans Debbie, 30 and Angie, 34

Family connection: The two youngest siblings started their own record label, Against the Flow, in Nashville. They recorded a few CDs as a duo, and Angie released her first solo CD last year, a smooth jazz-gospel effort that earned a Grammy nomination. Debbie, who



Winans Phase 2

Michael Jr., 19, Juan, 20, Carvin III, 22, and Marvin Jr., 22

Family connection: The sons of the original Winans group, their grandparents didn't know they could sing until they heard they got a record

Known for: Continuing the family tradition, this time incorporating hip-hop into their gospel music. Marvin Jr. recently launched his own record label, M2 Entertainment.

Number of Grammys: One nomination in 2000.

Current CD: "We Got Next."



Vickie Winans Vivian Bowman Winans, 48

"Brotherly Love.

Family connection: Divorced Marvin Winans eight years ago, though they are still friends. She chose to keep the Winans name because it's the name she began recording under. However, her maiden name is famous in gospel circles as well: Her younger brother, Tim Bowman, records as a jazz-gospel guitarist. Winans handles the business

Current CD: "On the Inside"

side of her music herself, including her public relations and bookings. She is not on tour with the rest of the clan.

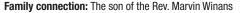
Known for: Being not only a singer, but a comedian. She released a comedy CD, "Share the Laughter" in 1999.

Number of Grammys: One, in 1997, for her music.

Current CD: "Live in Detroit. Vol. 2."



Yellow Man Winans Mario Winans, 27



and vocalist Vickie Winans, and the brother of Marvin Winans Jr., Mario is the secular member of the clan. He travels in circles with musical partner P. Diddy. He debuted his solo album, "Story of My Heart," in 1997. Since then, he's mostly been behind the scenes, producing and guesting for artists such as P. Diddy and bad-girl rapper Lil' Kim. He can be heard on the P. Diddy remix of "I Need a Girl Part 2" with singer Ginuwine. Mario, who goes by Yellow Man, co-produced most of P. Diddy's "We Invented the Remix" and is ready to record again. He also helped craft such R. Kelly hits as "I Can't Sleep Baby" and "You Remind Me." He has

worked with such artists as Total, Faith, 112 and Carl Thomas. Winans also was co-executive producer on the long-delayed Bad Boy gospel album "Thank You." He is not on tour with the rest of the clan.

Known for: Being the member of the Winans clan who is not doing gospel in the gospel world.

Known for: The mega-successful partnership that crossed over.

Number of Grammys: BeBe has four Grammys, including one for production work on Whitney Houston's "Bodyguard" soundtrack. CeCe has seven, including one this year for her self-titled CD for pop contemporary gospel album.

Current CD: BeBe's is "Live and Up Close" and CeCe's is "CeCe Winans."

hasn't recorded since she and Angie released 1997's "Bold," has been mostly doing theater work.

Known for: Having their first recording cross over to the R&B charts and score a Grammy nomination.

Number of Grammys: Angie received a 2002 nomination for her first solo project.

Current CD: Angie's is "Melodies of my Heart"; the last album the two recorded together was "Bold."

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