

## ***About Tony Shavalya Jones***

Tony Shavalya Jones was born June 3, 1974 in Los Angeles, California into a family of musicians and singers. By the age of 5, he had a natural ability to hear a song and find its melody on the piano. At the age of 12 he became the musician for his church, Mt. Calvary NDCC. Although he displayed his God given musical ability regularly throughout the church community, it wasn't until his 9th grade year at Horace Mann Junior High that he displayed his talent at school.

Upon entering Crenshaw High School, he became a part of the Crenshaw High School Elite Choir under the tutelage of Professor Iris Stevenson-McCoulough. For the next 3 years he traveled with this award-winning choir as a tenor, soloist and at times a musician. With Professor Stevenson's guidance, he competed in the Spotlight Music Awards held at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles. In the 2 consecutive years that he competed, he placed 2nd. Once as a classical vocalist, then as a jazz vocalist.

After graduating in 1992, he became the Minister of Music for Hope of Glory Christian Center pastored by Calvin B. Rhone. He still serves there to date. Tony served as the Minister of Music for the Los Angeles Contemporary Adults (LACA) for 20 years (2002-2022). In 2015, he was appointed by the Chairman of said convention as National Minister of Music for the Contemporary Adult Division (CAD).

Tony has sung, written and played for some of the gospel industry's best. He has served as the Musical Director for his Pastor, gospel artist Calvin Bernard Rhone for over 20 years. Tony was the vocal arranger and choir director for two of Norman Hutchins' live recordings, "If You Didn't Know" and "Hosanna." He is also a Dove Award winning songwriter as a co-writer for the song, "Listen" recorded by T5:7 (Trinitree 5:7). He now works as the Project Manager & Vocal Arranger for Norman's newly formed label, IR Music Group. Tony's group, "The Trilogy Group," provides background vocals for each artist on the label.

Most recently, Tony penned, arranged & recorded vocals on Gospel Legend, Vanessa Bell Armstrong's newest release, "Today." Songs include: "Today," "Miracles," "Satisfied With Me," "Until Thee End," and "Everything You Are."

Tony desires to express God's love through excellence in music while reminding others of their own greatness. God deserves our best.