

## **Walter E. L. Scrutchings,**

Walter E. L. Scrutchings is a product of the “windy” city of Chicago, Ill. He was born on June 1, 1960 to Rev. W. L. and Charlene Scrutchings. Walter accepted Jesus at an early age and was baptized at the age of 12 at the Mt. Pleasant MB Church of Chicago, IL. by the Reverend Royce D. Cornelius.

Rev. W. L. Scrutchings greatly supported and nurtured the talent in each of his children and was able to provide Marion, Ophelia and Walter piano lessons at a local Chicago church. Although Walter was only 5 when he started formal lessons, his father saw to it that Walter experienced other musical influences that would aide and enhance the growth, development and musical knowledge of his son.

Walter was fortunate to study music from numerous Chicago area historic music legends such as: the late Professor Willie Webb, who served as the musician for the renowned Roberta Martin Singers; the late Mr. David Webb, Mr. Robert Townsend of Denver, CO., the late Min. Leroy Dudley, the late Raymond Raspberry, Mr. G. George, Rev. Henry Ingrahm of Durham, NC., George Winfrey and other great musical influences such as the late Fred Nelson II, Fred Nelson III, Dr. E. Wayne Evans, Richard Gibbs, Stevie Stewart, the late John Greene of Chicago, Ill., Bishop Andre S. Woods and Pastor Calvin B. Rhone.

Walter also studied music during his youth at Chicago’s De Paul University School of Music and The Lyon Healy School of Music located in downtown Chicago.

Walter is a graduate of the Chicago Hyde Park Career Academy High School under the musical tutelage of Mr. G. George. He is received a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from the University of Akron, Akron, Ohio and a Master of Education degree from Malone University in Canton, Ohio.

Walter Scrutchings currently serves as a music director for the Akron Public Schools, in Akron Ohio and as a faculty member of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. He is the musician and Assistant Minister of Music of the Zion Temple Baptist Church, Akron Ohio (Dr. Mark A. Ward, Pastor). Walter is a workshop clinician, writer and publisher. He served as

Music Director for Carlton L. Fellows and The Cleveland Men of Song, Faculty Member of the Midwest Conference of Christian Artist and the faculty of the Gospel Music Workshop of America National Convention (GMWA). In April of 2008 Walter was appointed as the Chairman of the Men's Division of the Gospel Music Workshop of America, Inc. He has been a member and a long standing musician with GMWA for over 38 years. Walter is a registered member of Broadcast Music Incorporated (BMI), The Harry Fox Agency, and the Music Educators National Conference.

Walter has been blessed to serve others through his inspired writings and musicianship. He has worked with various recording artist such as: the late Rev. James Cleveland of Los Angeles, California; The Reverend Clay Evans of Chicago, Illinois; The Swanee Quintet of Augusta, Georgia; GMWA National Mass Choir; GMWA Men of Promise; Clifford F. V. Smith of Chicago, Illinois; Elvin Dent and The United Voices of Praise of Augusta, Georgia; James Bignon of Atlanta, Georgia; Ron Rucker and the Japan Chapter of the GMWA; Raymond W. Hinton and the Voices of Praise of Akron, Ohio; Billy Preston of Los Angeles California; Dr. Donna Cox and The University of Dayton Ebony Heritage Singers; Bishop Andre S. Woods of Detroit Michigan; Dr. Errol Wayne Evans and the Gary City-wide Mass Choir; The St. Louis Progressive Mass Choir; The Akron City Family Mass Choir and a plethora of cities, churches, groups, choirs, soloists and conventions throughout the United States, Japan and the Caribbean. Christian Fellowship Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill (Rev. Joseph J. Rainey, Pastor), Mr. Michael Harrison and IVP of Cleveland, Ohio, Rev. Paul H. Sadler, Cleveland, Ohio, Wesley Temple AME Zion, Akron, Ohio, Second Baptist Church, Akron Ohio and Dr. Vince Monden of Columbus, Ohio.

Since July of 1999, Walter Scrutchings has been the elated husband to Joy McNeal Scrutchings who is also an accomplished classical musician. Through this union, God has blessed them with 5 wonderful children, Serrin Joy, Walter, Jr., Lynette Marie, Lydia Cylene and Sophia Lee. Within the Scrutchings home the music tradition continues to be passed on to their children.

In 1978 Walter Scrutchings developed his own publishing company, "Scrutchings Music Publishing" which he has been blessed to use as a vehicle to publish and distribute nearly 300 compositions. As an accomplished publisher and musician Walter has been able to minister to God's people through SATB and orchestral scoring and arranging, live

recording sessions, studio sessions, concerts, workshops, lectures,  
educational settings and music ministry seminars.

To this date Walter remains sought after nationally and internationally to  
share his knowledge of ministry, music and education.

A special dedication is extended to the late Rev. W. L. Scrutchings, my  
father, my hero and first teacher. Your teachings are with me for life. To the  
love of my life, Joy and my children (Serrin, Walter Jr., Lynette, Lydia and  
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for a life-time.

May God Bless You All,