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**LOCAL PRODUCTION COMPANY TO PRESENT MAJOR STAGE PLAY  
PRODUCTION BASED ON BIBLICAL STORY OF ESTHER**

**DRAVON JAMES OF HBO'S THE WIRE AMONG PERFORMERS**

***FORMER TV NEWSROOM FLOOR DIRECTOR OLIVER COOPER TO PORTRAY  
VOICE OF GOD IN MODERN DEPICTION***

**BALTIMORE, MD (September 10, 2012)** – In what many are billing as one of the biggest stage play productions ever produced locally, **Battle Stage Plays** will be presenting the powerful, new gospel stage play production “**The Crown of Glory and The Agony of Deceit.**” The Gospel stage play production will be performed **Sat., Oct. 27; Sun., Oct. 28; Sat., Nov 3; and Sun. Nov. 4** in the **Straus Auditorium of the JCC (Jewish Community Center)** located at **5700 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215.**

The dynamic production features a powerful cadre of some of Baltimore’s most talented actors, actresses, models, singers, comedians, gospel rappers, and other performers, and provides a platform for the aspiring performers to showcase their talents. They include **Former WMAR newsroom floor manager Oliver Cooper**, whose voice has been compared to the likes of James Earl Jones and Paul Roberson, will be rendering the “**Voice of God**” and narration for the modern-day depiction of one of *The Old Testament’s* most famous stories.

**Dravon James of HBO's *The Wire*** is also among the long list of talented performers in the production. The area is already buzzing about “**The Crown of Glory & The Agony of Deceit**” which was written and produced by **Ursula V. Battle**. The Baltimore native and Coppin State University and University of Baltimore (UB) graduate is the playwright of several successful stage play productions including “**The Teachers’ Lounge**”; “**DisChord in The Choir,**” and “**FOR BETTER or WOR\$E.**”

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