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**BALTIMORE 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 in Baltimore, **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 TV newsroom floor manager Oliver Cooper**, whose voice has been compared to the likes of James Earl Jones and Paul Roberson. Cooper 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 Baltimore 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 who has been dubbed “The Female Tyler Perry is the playwright of several successful stage play productions including “**The Teachers’ Lounge**”; “**DisChord in The Choir,**” and “**FOR BETTER or WORSE.** Battle is a journalist and a graduate of Coppin State University and UB (University of Baltimore), who writes and produces her own productions.

For more information or to purchase tickets call **(443) 531-4787; (410) 409-6327; visit <http://battlestageplays.com/>** or send an email to **battlestageplays@gmail.com.**

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