CIRCLE OF SISTERS 2015's R&B LIVE CONCERT

Performances by Chaka Khan, Tamar Braxton, Avant and more! Tickets On-Sale Now!

September 21, 2015 (New York, NY) - Circle of Sisters, the largest EXPO in New York City uniting, motivating and celebrating women of color, is ready to dance the night away at the R&B Live concert on Saturday, October 17th at the Theater at Madison Square Garden! After spending the day enjoying all the EXPO has to offer, including more than 200 top notch vendors, intriguing panels with celebrity guests, and live broadcasts from your favorite radio stations, WBLS 107.5, 1190 WLIB, and HOT 97, get ready for a fun night out with performances by the legendary Chaka Khan and R&B sensations Tamar Braxton, Avant, and more! Tickets are on sale now at Ticketmaster.com starting at only \$29.99, and include one-day access to the EXPO at the Jacob Javits Center on October 17th or 18th.

The Queen of Funk and 10-time Grammy Award winner, **Chaka Khan**, is ready to hit the COS R&B Live stage! Taking a break from her appearance on the hit television show, *Dancing with the Stars*, Chaka Khan will rock the Theater at MSG with some of her classic hits that her fans and audiences worldwide love. Joining her is R&B superstar and co-*Dancing with the Stars* contestant, **Tamar Braxton**, whose upcoming album, *Calling All Lovers*, is scheduled to debut in early October. And for the ladies, also taking the stage is R&B singer-songwriter, **Avant**, best known for his hits "Separated" and "Read Your Mind". Perfect for a date with your partner or a night out with friends, the COS R&B Live concert is the event you don't want to miss!

WBLS 107.5 FM, your #1 source for R&B, 1190 WLIB AM, your home for Gospel & Inspiration, and WQHT HOT 97 FM, the #1 station for Hip Hop in the world, host Circle of Sisters, the premier EXPO in New York where women of color come together to celebrate one another's businesses, discuss relationships, health trends and financial advice, and catch-up on the latest fashion styles and more. Each day, attendees peruse over 200 upcoming and established vendors, visit panels and breakout sessions discussing a range of topics from marriage advice from celebrity couples to best social media practices to children to understanding health insurance, and check out the radio stations' live broadcast and performances stages, with celebrity interviews and acts throughout the two-day event. The HealthFirst Cooking Pavilion will feature a wide variety of delicious demonstrations from celebrity chefs including Bobby Brown, Pat Neely, Jeff Vaden, and host, Nikki Shaw. The entire event concludes on Sunday with the Gospel Explosion featuring Tasha Cobbs, Tina Campbell, Casey J. and more at the Jacob Javits Center.

Tickets for the EXPO are also on-sale now. Tickets are \$20 per day in advance, \$25 at the door, and can be purchased at <u>CircleofSisters.com</u>. The EXPO runs from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 17th and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, October 18th. Separate tickets are required for the <u>R&B</u> and <u>Gospel Explosion</u> concerts; the R&B concert ticket also includes one-day access to the EXPO at the Jacob Javits Center on October 17th or 18th.

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Schedules and line-ups are subject to change without notice.

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For Press Only: Press may apply for media credentials to Circle of Sisters 2015 via the online-only application: http://www.circleofsisters.com/pressapp/ - due by 5pm EDT on Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

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About WBLS 107.5 FM

WBLS 107.5 FM is a New York Urban Adult Contemporary station with 2.3 million listeners. 60% of WBLS' listeners are between the ages of 25-54. Broadcasting from its signal are award winning and internationally known personalities like Steve Harvey, Lenny Green, Donnie McClurkin, Dahved Levy, DJ Marley Marl and more. WBLS has been America's most recognizable black radio station, as the #1 source for R&B music and lifestyle reaching the tri-state area.

About WLIB 1190 AM

WLIB 1190 AM is New York's leading Gospel and Inspirational station with over 300,000 weekly listeners. 50% of WLIB's listeners are between the ages of 35-64. WLIB hosts award winning and internationally known personalities including Yolanda Adams, Rev. Al Sharpton, Bishop Hezekiah Walker, Lady Niecy T and more, as well as ministry leaders such as Pastor Floyd Flake of the Greater Allen Cathedral AME Church and Pastor David Jefferson Sr. of the Metropolitan Baptist Church. WLIB is also one of the country's leading sources for Gospel Music and Motivation.

About WQHT HOT 97 FM

WQHT HOT 97 FM is the world's first all Hip Hop station and has held the dominant position in New York for over ten years. HOT 97 is best known for its celebrity on air talent, such as Funk Flex (television host, multiple gold records) and Miss Info (renowned journalist, television personality), as well as being the world's premier source for Hip Hop music culture. HOT 97 TV is an online and mobile destination for original web series, celebrity content, concerts and music videos. For more information, please visit www.HOT97.com, facebook.com/HOT97official, or twitter.com/HOT97

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