

RICK WATFORD

Rick Watford, originally from the small town of Lake Worth, FL, is a phenomenal producer, guitarist and songwriter. In addition to being an accomplished musician, he is also a worshipper and a true Minstrel of God

Rick moved to Tallahassee, FL in 1989 to attend Florida A&M University. It was there that he became the Music Director for the FAMU Gospel Choir and began to gain exposure as a musician. His first national recording was with the FAMU Gospel Choir, which included Twinkie Clark and the Clark Sisters.

Following college, Rick chose the city of Atlanta to pursue his career goals and relocated from his home state in 1998. This move was instrumental in him becoming a professional musician. He has to his accomplishments, several TV and film appearances such as: Live in LA, Bobby Jones Gospel, Gospel Dream, the Trumpet and Soul Train Awards, as well as Madea's Family Reunion, A Family That Preys and Fighting Temptations. Rick has also played on several soundtracks of film and TV including Madea's Family Reunion, Diary of a Mad Black Woman, House of Payne, and The Fighting Temptations. He has recorded and performed with many great R&B, Jazz and Gospel Artists such as Beyonce, Lalah Hathaway, Luther Vandross, Jennifer Holiday, Jonathan Butler, Kirk Whalum, Gerald Albright, Wayman Tisdale, Bishop T.D. Jakes, Bebe and Cece Winans, Marvin Winans, Richard Smallwood, Kurt Carr, Donald Lawrence and the list goes on! Rick has played on well over 30 grammy winning and grammy nominated recordings, one of the most recent being Grammy Award winning, Tasha Cobbs.

Despite all of Rick Watford's accomplishments, he feels that it is important that people know that he loves God above all and that he has a continued thirst for wisdom and knowledge. Rick does not claim to be the greatest musician but believes that God has extended grace toward him for all that he has done musically. He feels that he does not deserve all of the opportunities that have been afforded him but can happily say that he did not have to compromise his values nor his character to achieve all that he has done. Moreover, Rick feels that humility is an all important factor to proceed to the next level in God and therefore lives his life with the words of Scripture in James 4:6... "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Rick encourages the younger generation of musicians and admonishes them to worship the "giver of the gift" and not the "gift" itself. In all that he does, Rick Watford wants people to see his love for God through how he plays, how he speaks and also, how he lives.

NOTABLE ARTISTS RICK HAS WORKED WITH:

Cece Winans, Gerald Albright, Jonathan Butler, Jimmy Jam & Terry Lewis, BabyFace, Joe Pace, Alex Bugnon, Shirley Caesar, Beyonce, Donnie McClurkin, Yolanda Adams, Wayman Tisdale, Israel Houghton, Marvin Sapp, Andrae Crouch, John P. Kee, Tyler Perry, Mary Mary, Bobby Brown, and many more.