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Biography

Larry Crider is passionate about worship. His love for God and gifting for music merge into a dynamic music ministry known as Larry Crider & 4 H.I.S. Glory. The talented ensemble and its leader made their official presentation to the Gospel music industry with their 2015 release, *Time To Say Yes*, and followed up with their recent single, "Don't Take Your Spirit". Blending smooth harmonies, superior songwriting, riveting vocal performances and great musicianship, it's no surprise that the group caught the attention of Gospel's movers and shakers. Started in 2013, the ensemble has already received numerous award wins and nominations including three 2017 Rhythm of Gospel Award Nominations for New Artist of the Year, Best Performance by Group/Duo and Contemporary Artist of the Year. Crider, as a member of his high school choir, was honored to work with Gospel legends like Karen Clark Sheard, Tramaine Hawkins and Byron Cage. Although Crider is thrilled for the industry recognitions and the chance to sing with the finest in the genre, his goal is simply to reach the lost for Christ.

Blessed with a talent for music since his youth, Crider began his Gospel music journey as a vocalist in his church's youth choir. After mastering singing, he learned to play instruments like the drums and the piano. It wasn't until he attended Largo High School in Largo, Maryland, that his musical talents truly blossomed. His choir director, the renowned Jeremiah Murphy, embraced the teen's affinity for music and nurtured Larry's vocal gift. Crider joined the concert band, the marching band and directed choirs. Many began to hear about him in the Washington, DC area and he became the "go to guy" for music ministry opportunities. Ultimately, he found his place not just as a vocalist and instrumentalist, but also as a songwriter, composer and arranger.

It was the training ground at Largo High School that gave him the experience to launch his own Gospel ensemble. He formed Larry Crider & 4 H.I.S. Glory, a group of sold-out, born again young men and women with a mission to "live out the call and impact lives for the better through song". Hailing



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from a variety of different backgrounds and experiences, these thirteen believers are one when it comes to sharing the message of the Gospel through music. Gaining a following in the Nation's Capital, the group recorded their first project, *Time To Say Yes*. The track "Don't Take Your Spirit", featuring Enoch Henry and Bria Matthews, was a fan favorite, so much so that Larry decided to re-record the song and re-release it as a single. They've also released the lyric video for the song and two other lyric videos as well for "Thank You" featuring Shawn Bigby and "It's All About You".

Larry's songs have been garnering positive reviews and have helped to solidify Larry Crider & 4 H.I.S. Glory as one of the DMV's up-and-coming ensembles. However, they haven't just been catching the attention of those in their hometown; nationally, the buzz is building. In addition to the three Rhythm of Gospel Award Nominations, they've also received nominations for the 2018 Voices of Gospel Music Awards for Gospel Choir of the Year and Contemporary Artist of the Year and a nomination for the 2018 Prayze Factor People's Choice Award for Rhythm and Praise Group. Also, they've been nominated for three 2017 IGAA Radio Alliance Awards, Contemporary Artist of the Year, Song of the Year and Contemporary CD of the Year. They took home the 8th Annual Blockbuster Music Showcase Gospel Award for Best Choir of the Year in 2016. Their notable performances have opened doors for them to share the stage with artists such as Shawn Bigby and Daniel Austin. The group has been featured on television on TCT-TV's Celebrate Live, WATC-TV's Babbie's House and WGGS-TV's Nite Line and on Gospel radio station, WYZE, located in Atlanta, GA.

Currently, Larry is the Choir Director and Musician at his home church, First National Deliverance Center located in Washington, DC. Previously, he served as Youth Choir Director at Largo Community Church in Mitchellville, MD, for 10 years. Larry Crider & 4 H.I.S. Glory, an ensemble delivering powerful music with soul-shaking lyrics, are putting the finishing touches on their upcoming CD.



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Fact Sheet

Home:	Washington, DC
Home Church:	First National Deliverance Center Washington, DC
Music Ministry Role:	Choir Director and Musician
Musical Experience:	Ensemble Leader, Singer, Songwriter, Musician & Choir Director Released CD, <i>Time To Say Yes</i> (2015) Released Single, <i>Don't Take Your Spirit</i> (2017) Shared the stage with Karen Clark Sheard, Byron Cage, Vashawn Mitchell, Tramaine Hawkins, Shawn Bigby and Earl Bynum
Musical Style/Genre:	Contemporary Gospel, Praise & Worship
Accolades:	Blockbuster Music Showcase Gospel Award for "Best Choir of the Year" (2016) Rhythm of Gospel Award Nominee for New Artist of the Year, Best Performance by Group/Duo and Contemporary Artist of the Year (2017) IGAA Radio Alliance Award Nominations for Contemporary Artist of the Year, Song of the Year and Contemporary CD of the Year (2017) Voices of Gospel Music Award Nominations for Gospel Choir of the Year and Contemporary Artist of the Year (2018) Prayze Factor People's Choice Award Nomination for Rhythm and Praise Group (2018)
Press Coverage:	Celebrate Live on TCT-TV (Detroit, MI) Babbie's House on WATC-TV (Atlanta, GA) Nite Line on WGGS-TV (Greenville, SC) WYZE Gospel Radio, 1480AM (Atlanta, GA)
Website:	www.official4hisglory.com
Social Media:	



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Lyric Videos



Don't Take Your Spirit (4:31)

Featuring Enoch Henry and Bria Matthews

Thank You (5:10)

Featuring Shawn Bigby



It's All About You (6:52)

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Press Release

Award-winning Gospel Ensemble & Nailed4U Music Group Recording Artist Larry Crider & 4 H.I.S. Glory Release Worship Ballad, “Don’t Take Your Spirit”



(Washington, DC) – September 8, 2017 – Gospel singer and ensemble leader Larry Crider is committed to lifting up the name of Jesus in song. An exceptionally gifted instrumentalist, Crider is a musician’s musician. As an artist and a member of his high school choir, he’s performed and shared the stage with artists like Karen Clark Sheard, Byron Cage, Vashawn Mitchell, Tramaine Hawkins, Shawn Bigby and Earl Bynum. He and his ensemble 4 H.I.S. Glory have been singing the praises of God for 4 years now. Since their formation, they have caught the attention of the Gospel music industry netting them award wins and nominations including a Best Choir of the Year Award at the 8th Annual Blockbuster Music Showcase Gospel Awards. Now the Nailed4U Music Group recording artist, Crider and the 13-member ensemble 4 H.I.S. Glory, have just dropped a new single called “Don’t Take Your Spirit”. A sweet track of surrender, the song is available on iTunes, Amazon and other

digital outlets.

A reflective and heart-rending song, “Don’t Take Your Spirit” is a creation of Crider’s. The moving ballad was inspired from a psalm of David. Sung from the perspective of someone who is grappling with the fact that they’ve broken the heart of God, the track calls for repentance. It also finds the singer begging for God’s Spirit to remain. Accented by the beautiful harmonies by 4 H.I.S. Glory, the lead vocals of Enoch Henry and Bria Matthews make this a memorable song.

Crider’s transparency is clear in the tune as he encourages believers to keep God first. “The song was inspired during a time when I was doing the opposite of what God wanted me to do,” shares Crider. “We can get caught up in doing what we want to do. That’s what I did. I soon realized that the closeness I had with God wasn’t the same anymore. Eventually, I found myself crying out to God asking Him for forgiveness and – like David did in Psalm 51 – not to take His Spirit away. God told me that He hadn’t left me, but He gave me a taste of what it would be like if He did leave. That experience made me determined to be purposeful in living for God,” says Crider.

The group’s leader was bitten by the music bug early in life. He started singing in the youth choir. His passion for music morphed into playing piano and the drums. In school, he was a member of the concert band, marching band and the choir. It was in the Largo High School Choir, under the direction of Pastor and Gospel artist Jeremiah Murphy, that Crider embraced and honed his talent for singing. It was also there where he learned how to direct choirs, ultimately directing his church choir as well. After graduating from high school, he started working with other music ministries in the DMV. As his musical talents expanded, he also became a songwriter, composer and arranger.

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His skill as a director encouraged him to start his first group. He formed 4 H.I.S. Glory in 2013; they include group members who are friends of Crider's and people he had met in music ministry throughout the years. The goal of 4 H.I.S. Glory is to "live out the call and impact lives for the better through song". The ensemble entered the Gospel music industry with the release of their debut EP, Time To Say Yes. The project was well-received in the artist's local area. Included on the record was an older rendition of the new single, "Don't Take Your Spirit". The newly released single received a musical make-over with new production, a new arrangement and a new sound.

Larry Crider & 4 H.I.S. Glory have been recognized for their exceptional musical skill several times. This year they received three Rhythm of Gospel Award Nominations: New Artist of the Year, Best Performance by Group/Duo and Contemporary Artist of the Year. They've also been nominated for the 1st Voices of Gospel Music Awards for New Artist of the Year, Gospel Choir of the Year and Contemporary Artist of the Year. These nominations are in addition to their win for Best Choir of the Year Award at the 8th Annual Blockbuster Music Showcase Gospel Awards. Currently, Larry is the Choir Director and Musician at his home church, First National Deliverance Center located in Washington, DC. Previously, he served as Youth Choir Director at Largo Community Church in Mitchellville, MD for 10 years. Look for a new project from Larry Crider & 4 H.I.S. Glory soon. For more information about the Larry Crider & 4 H.I.S. Glory or to book them for engagements, log on to www.Official4HisGlory.com. Connect with them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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