

# OVER 1100 CELEBRATED THE 2009 INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT BARACK H. OBAMA AND THE KEEPERS OF THE FLAME!!



THE EVENING WAS FILLED WITH EXCITEMENT AND CELEBRATION AS OVER 1100 PEOPLE, INCLUDING A LARGE MEDIA CONTINGENT, WATCHED AS LEADERS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CHURCHES HONORED LEGENDS OF OUR TIME WITH THE ONCE IN A LIFE-TIME KEEPERS OF THE FLAME AWARD. HONOREES REPRESENTED A DIVERSE DISCIPLINE OF KNOWLEDGE AND ACHIEVEMENT. THESE DEDICATED MEN AND WOMEN REPRESENT THOSE WHOSE STRUGGLES AND ACHIEVEMENTS PAVED THE WAY TO THE COMMEMORATIVE MOMENT AND NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN PRESIDENT, BARACK OBAMA AND THE FIRST FAMILY.

THE NUMBER OF THOSE WHO HAVE MADE SACRIFICES FOR OUR OPPORTUNITIES IS LEGION. HOWEVER, ON THAT NIGHT, HOMAGE WAS PAID TO MEN AND WOMEN WHO REPRESENT THE BEST OF US AND WHO HAVE CARRIED THE TORCH AND KEPT THE FLAME BURNING.

# 2009 PHOTO GALLERY

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*Honoree Bishop John Hurst Adams with event Chair -  
Rev. Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, II.*



*Vocal Artist Jessye Norman*



*Honoree Marian Wright Edelman, a 2009 Keeper of the Flame  
award recipient.*



*Mr. & Mrs. Eric Flowers of Oakland, CA*



*Congresswoman Maxine Waters and Actor Chris Tucker*



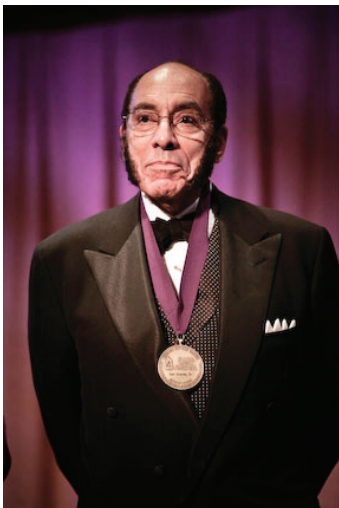


Honoree Robert J. Brown, the Balm in Gilead Founder and CEO - Pernessa Seele and Honoree The Honorable Alexis Herman.

Honoree Myrlie Evers-Williams, a civil rights legend, pictured here with event chair Rev. Dr. Richardson.



Erline Belton, Chair of The Balm In Gilead Board of Directors



Above: Honoree Bishop Barbara Harris prior to receiving her award. Shown here with Pernessa Seele.

Honoree Earl Graves, Sr. after his award presentation.



Honoree Dr. Benjamin Hooks chats with Rev. Otis Moss, Jr.





*Honoree Dorothy I. Height flanked by Event Producer Seele and Event Chair Rev. Dr. Richardson.*



*Pernessa Seele, Honoree Rev. Joseph Lowery and Rev. Dr. Richardson*



*Dr. Dolly Adams and Dr. Barbara Shaw*



*Sheryl Lee Ralph and The Honorable Dwight C. Jones, Mayor of Richmond, VA.*



*James Mitchell, Sr. Executive of GE and Honoree Rev. Joseph Lowrey*



*Honoree Marc H. Morial (center), President and CEO - National Urban League, a contemporary legend.*





*Distinguished Gentlemen of The Ball*



*Honoree Rev. Al Sharpton greets fellow honoree Rev. Lowery before the awards presentation.*



*Honoree Archbishop Desmond Tutu crossed the waters to be part of the evening's celebration. Pictured here with Pernessa Seele, Founder & CEO The Balm in Gilead.*



*A musician with the Jazz Ensemble "SAGE."*



*Chatard Dease of Richmond, VA with Lola West of New York City and Dr. Terrie Griffin of Lynchburg, VA.*



*Honorees Myrlie Evers-Williams, Alexis Herman and Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole*



Top row: Master of Ceremony Roland C. Martin; Vocalist Wintley Phipps

Far left: Harriett Cole, Creative Director - Ebony Magazine; Near left: Media abounded at the event.



Far Left: Pernessa Seele and Rev. Jesse Jackson

Left: Victor Oladokun- former Producer for Turning Point for Christian Broadcasting Network and Pastor/Author-Rev. Rick Warren.



Left: Violinist Daniel Davis





**Top row - left to right:**  
Congresswoman Waters, Honoree Marc Morial and Actor Chris Tucker; Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr.; Jackie Gouche

**Second row:** Attendees joined in prayer to start the evening; Shari Addison; Regina Belle.

**Left:** The jazz group SAGE; Gospel Artist Micah Stampley



**Left:** Archbishop Desmond Tutu enjoyed the evening and fully embraced the joy the evening offered.



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