

SOUNDS

'Sprung' Soundtrack misses mark

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isn't.

Various Artists
Sprung
Various producers
Qwest/Warner Bros.

☆ 1/2

This is the perfect case of a soundtrack having little to do with a movie. Very little of this was even heard in the movie, thankfully. And from the sound of it, few of the artists have a clue as to what "Sprung" is about.

Particularly grating is Mr. Dalvin's "2 Nite's The Nite."

Now I know why he doesn't sing much in Jodeci. He can't.

There are a couple of songs of merit. Tisha Campbell and Tichina Arnold do a credible job on "Don't Ask My Neighbor," a classic originally done by the Emotions. And Quincy Jones' "Secret Garden" will sound good no matter how much bad

music surrounds it. Trust me, there's a lot of bad music surrounding it.

Rating:

☆☆☆☆ Classic;

☆☆☆☆ Excellent;

☆☆☆ Good;

☆☆ Fair;

☆ Why?; No stars given - A mess

'Tour of Life' heads for Ovens Auditorium

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Preacher's Wife" soundtrack. "This isn't gospel music, it is Christian love music," Franklin said. "The form sculpts each delivery with the intention of touching hearts. Sometimes music needs to let you know you're not your own and that you're not alone."

Franklin's music also lets you know he knows a little about funk. His latest outing is with God's Property called "Stomp." It's a good-time gospel scorcher with lyrics like "Oh, yeah/We havin' church, ain't going no where." Die-hard traditionalist may have a problem with it, but kids are eating it up.

Fred Hammond and his powerful Radical For Christ choir are touring with Franklin. Hammond is becoming one of the most sought after producers in the business. He's worked with Yolanda Adams (who has dropped off the tour), Oletta Adams (no relation to Yolanda), Angelo & Veronica and the secular group Riff.

Hammond got his start with Commissioned. He spent nearly a decade with the group - producing, writing and lead singing. He stepped away for a solo career, then formed Radical For Christ.

The group's latest recording, Spirit of David has been on the charts for nearly a year. It chronicles the life of the Biblical hero.

"A friend of mine was listening to the stuff we were doing for the album and said 'man, you have the heart and spirit of David,'" Hammond said. "And at that moment I knew that's what I wanted to call the

album. And the more I thought about it, the more I thought the title was perfect. I've faced a lot of giants myself, I was fatherless, growing up in Detroit public schools and God delivered me in so many different ways, just the way he delivered David."

At 35, Hammond felt he was starting all over again.

Said Hammond: "That can

make you tired. I've been doing this since I was 22. I had to pray all the time: 'Lord, don't let this desensitize me. Rejuvenate me daily.'"

The Queen City Mass Choir, directed by Curtis Dean, will also perform.

Want to go?:

Tour of Life, featuring Kirk Franklin and the

Family, Fred Hammond and Radical For Christ and K & K Mime Ministry, 8 p.m. May 30, Independence Arena, \$22.50. Tickets available at all TicketMaster outlets, with a \$2.75 service charge, and the Arena box office.

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"Coca-Cola Culture Jam"

Charlotte get ready for the biggest out door block party of the summer. The fun begins at 5:00 pm, Saturday, May 24th at Martin Luther King Park. There will be live performances from local entertainers, games, prizes and the music will be provided by Nate Quick and the Power 98 Street Team. Please Call 393-4365 for more information

"East Stonewall A.M.E. Zion Church"

East Stonewall AME Zion Church and The United In Praise Outreach Committee is hosting a health awareness day. It takes place Saturday, May 24th beginning at 12:00 noon at the church, 1729 Griers Grove Rd. For more details call 567-7875

"JCSU National Youth Sports Program"

Johnson C. Smith University will registration for its National Youth Sports Program on Saturday, May 31st from 7:30 -1:00 PM. The camp will run from June 9th- July 11th and is free of charge. Please call 378-1206 for more information.

"Radiance Of Charlotte Fish Fry"

Radiance of Charlotte is hosting their Annual Fish Fry on Saturday, May 31st at the McCrory YMCA on Beatties Ford Rd. from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Proceeds will be contributed to "A Childs Place" and "Super Hero". Call 330-5566 for mor details

"Walls Memorial Fun Day"

The Young Adult Missionary Society of Walls Memorial AME Zion Church will sponsor a community fun day on Saturday, May 31st starting at 10:00 am. Please call the church for more information.

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