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EPE ANNOUNCE UNSUNG HONORS AWARD RECIPIENTS

Washington, DC – Ebony Pyramid Entertainment (EPE) is proud to announce recipients for the 2019 UnSung Honors Awards. The UnSung Honors Awards is recognition of individuals in the minority Lesbian Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) community, not always noticed or praised for their hard work, courage, or great achievements. The Unsung Honors Awards is presented annually, during the EPE Pride Ski event. This year's recipients represent a diverse pool of individuals serving our community. Honorees include Jamil Fletcher, Bishop Dennis A. Meredith, Kaz Mitchell, Harmonica Sunbeam, and Jean Wimberly.

Jamil Fletcher is the founder and publisher of [SWERV Magazine](#), the nation's leading periodical for African American members of the Same Gender Loving (SGL)/LGBTQ community. Launched in 2008, "SWERV" celebrates the culture and community of Black, SGL people everywhere. SWERV reaches more than half the country, Canada, and the Caribbean. Mr. Fletcher is also the producer and talk show host of The SWERV Show.

Bishop Dennis A. Meredith is a spiritual and community leader. He serves as the pastor of [Tabernacle Baptist Church](#) of Atlanta, Georgia. Bishop Meredith has a role model ministry that is inclusive to all people regardless of race, gender and/or sexual orientation. His ministry provides a religious and spiritual covenant for those who have been prejudicially left out of being allowed to worship in traditional churches because of their sexual orientation or social differences.

Kaz Mitchell is the Executive Director for [Circle of Voices, Inc.](#) Ms. Mitchell has supported the LGBTQ community, on a national level, for decades. She has also represented the Lesbian community in New York on several health and wellness initiatives, as well as serving as an LGBTQ representative for the New York City and New York State governments. Ms. Mitchell is currently planning activities for minority women of the LGBTQ community for World Pride 2019, in New York City.

Harmonica Sunbeam is a legendary LGBTQ entertainer, comedian, and community leader. Ms. Sunbeam has served as Mistress of Ceremony for most of the minority Prides and destination events throughout the nation and abroad. Her colorful wardrobe reflects her colorful personality. In the midst of her busy performance schedule, she takes time out for our youth through the [Drag Queen Story Hour](#).

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Jean Wimberly is truly a legend in the LGBTQ community. In 1979, Ms. Wimberly, with the support of Salsa Soul Sisters, the oldest Black Lesbian organization in the United States, approach and spoke at the iconic Womyn's Michigan Music Festival about their lack of diversity which "could only be described as racism." The organizers respected Ms. Wimberly's actions and it led to the organizers establishing the Womyn of Color Tent at the Festival. In 1981, she founded [Circle of Voices, Inc.](#) which provides opportunities to foster a collaborative and supportive environment where Womyn artists and friends of the community can have the opportunity to increase their appreciation of the arts through performances, seminars and workshops given by Womyn of African Descent and Womyn of Color. In 1993, Ms. Wimberly created the Womyn of Color East Coast Music Festival. Now, in her late 70's, she is still a force and planning activities for World Pride 2019, in New York City, forty years after her triumphant speech in Michigan.

"I am so honored to host and present these worthy individuals with a small token of appreciation from our community," said DaJuan Patrick Xavier, President/CEO of Ebony Pyramid Entertainment. "These are the people that some may walk past and not even realize these individuals' contributions have allowed them to learn more about what's happening in our community, put a smile on their face, prayed for them when they couldn't, worked to ensure they were included, created a space for them to be safe, or a voice to ensure they were heard!"

The UnSung Honors Awards Ceremony will be held on February 17, 2019 in Ellenville, New York at the Honor's Haven Resort and Spa. The ceremony will be a part of EPE's [Pride Ski 2019](#), February 15 – 18, 2019. Tickets for the ceremony or Pride Ski 2019 can be purchased on www.EbonyPyramidUSA.com.

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