## Yolanda Adams draws large crowd at Cashman

Dwana Broussard Special to Sentinel-Voice

More than 1,000 attended the Yolanda Adams concert May 15 at Cashman Theatre, sponsored by KCEP Radio and the International Christian Music Alliance. The gospel diva with the 6-foot model thin frame, the voice of an angel and an admitted passion for shopping, was surprisingly and delightfully downto-earth in a recent concert at Cashman Theatre.

Local performers Bruce Williamson (clad in NUME originals by local designer Ken Young), Victory Christian Center Choir, Penny Treadwell and

Visions of Praise got things off to a highspirited start.

Adam's performance was considerably more subdued than expected, especially in comparison with the other performers; however, she did not disappoint. And although most of the local performers had live music, and Yolanda sang to pre-recorded tracks, her voice more than compen-sated. In fact, each time the background tracks ended, Yolanda kept singing, and the music was forgotten.

On stage for about 80 minutes, Adams offered more of a testimonial than a concert.

Her sincerity, humor, wisdom, conviction and compassion were evident. She encouraged and challenged the audience as she spoke about the state of the world in these last days. She urged those who had not yet found salvation to seek it.

Sentinel-Voice photos by John Broussard Yolanda Adams (right) shares a light moment with Cashman field crowd during her recent concert. (below) Sister Charity and her band sing hymns.





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