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## CIVIC MUSIC PRESENTS BLIND BOYS OF ALABAMA



**Corning, NY** – Corning Civic Music proudly presents Grammy-winning gospel legends Blind Boys of Alabama on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 7:30pm in The Corning Museum of Glass Auditorium. Single concert tickets are \$40. SAVE with a HALF-SEASON SUBSCRIPTION for our remaining three concerts at \$75 Adult / \$55 Senior / \$40 Student. Tickets for this performance may be purchased online at <a href="CorningCivicMusic.org">CorningCivicMusic.org</a> or by phone at 866-463-6264.

The Blind Boys of Alabama are recognized around the world as living legends of gospel as well as modern-day innovators. Since the original members (including Jimmy Carter, who leads the group today) first sang together as students at the Alabama Institute for the Negro Blind in the late 1930s, the band has become one of the most popular roots music groups in the world. During the Jim Crow era of the 1940s and 1950s, the Blind Boys flourished thanks to their unique sound, which blended the close harmonies of early jubilee gospel with the more fervent improvisations of hard gospel. As the years passed, many gospel singers crossed over to record secular popular music, but the Blind Boys persevered to create a new generation of gospel fans. The group has won five Grammys plus a Lifetime Achievement Grammy. The Blind Boys' live shows are roof-raising musical events that appeal to audiences of all cultures, as evidenced by an international itinerary that has taken them to virtually every continent.

The Corning-Painted Post Civic Music Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to presenting some of the premier musical talent of today and the rising stars of tomorrow in a world-class live performance venue. CELEBRATE-INSPIRE-CONNECT

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