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Carole Fredericks' *Springfield* CD Nominated For 2004 JPF Music Awards

CDF Music Legacy announced today that Carole Fredericks' album, ***Springfield***, was nominated for the **2004 Just Plain Folks (JPF) Music Awards** in two divisions. ***Springfield*** received a nomination for **Best Album/Gospel** and three songs from the album – ***Save My Soul, Shine*** and ***So I Pray*** – were nominated for **Best Song/Gospel**.

"This is the first time Carole's music has been recognized by the recording industry in the U.S.," said Connie Fredericks-Malone, spokesperson for CDF Music Legacy. *"We are thrilled."*

The brainchild of Brian Austin Whitney, **Just Plain Folks** is a songwriting and musical industry organization with 25,000 members – Recording Artists, Music Publishers, Producers, Journalist, Engineers, Manufacturers and Retailers.

Started as an informal way to recognize member music sent to them throughout the year, the **Just Plain Folks Music Awards**, which began in 2000, has grown to become the largest Music Awards program in the world. For the 2004 Awards the organization received 140,000 songs and over 10,000 albums in 58 genres from 85 Countries. Their sole criteria for judging the material is "Does it move you?"

This year's nominee, Carole Fredericks, is a Black American singer who emigrated to France in 1979. She lived in Paris for 22 years. Her career has its roots in French pop rock music and she sang in French and English.. In the early 90's Fredericks was catapulted to the top of the pop music charts with the rock trio, **Fredericks Goldman Jones**. Encouraged by the successes of **Fredericks Goldman Jones**, she recorded an all-English gospel and blues solo album in 1996 - ***Springfield*** was released in France, Belgium and Switzerland.

"This album was never released in the United States," said Fredericks-Malone, *"and not too many people here know who she is or what she accomplished in Europe."*

While on tour in Africa, Fredericks succumbed to a heart attack on June 7, 2001. She was 49 years old. Fredericks' surviving siblings including Fredericks-Malone and blues musician Taj Mahal established **CDF Music Legacy LLC** to preserve her legacy.

"We were devastated by the sudden loss of our youngest sister. It seemed all the more tragic that Carole was major musical icon in the French-speaking world and her voice and albums were unknown in her native country. We all agreed, the first order of business was to preserve her legacy then make arrangements to introduce her music to American audiences," said Fredericks-Malone. *"The JPF Music Awards nominations are an acknowledgement that we made the right decision. Carole's voice and recordings have a place in American music.. And, yes, her voice will move you."*

Taj Mahal and several family members will attend the JPF Music Awards Show on behalf of CDF Music Legacy.

The **2004 Just Plain Folks Music Awards Show** will take place Sunday, November 7th at the Galaxy Music Theatre in Santa Ana, CA.. Award Show begins at 5:00PM.

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