Christian Voice Magazine has merged their awards programs formerly known as the Southern Gospel Music Fan Awards and the Country Gospel Music Fan Awards. The change was made to coincide with the new six-day Gospel Music FanFair event being held this spring in Somerset, KY and to accommodate a broader spectrum of Gospel music sub-genres.

The name of the awards program has been officially changed to the Christian Voice Magazine Gospel Music Fan Awards. The program remains 100% fan-based, but Gospel music fans can now vote for their favorites from multiple progressive and traditional conservative sub-genres including Southern Gospel, Country Gospel, Christian Country, Bluegrass Gospel, Inspirational, Urban Gospel, and Worship.

Voting has begun with the open nomination ballot where fans can list their choices in 25 categories. The second and final ballot listing the top ten nominees in each category will be published March 17, 2014.

Awards will be given as winners are announced at the 2014 Christian Voice Gospel Music Fan Awards program on May 17, 2014, during the 10th annual Gospel Music FanFair at the Center for Rural Development in Somerset, KY.

Visit <u>www.christianvoicemagazine.com</u> for voting rules and to access the online nomination ballot.