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Thursday night, the auditorium at Turpin High School will serve as one of the stops on a tour of Christian hip hop artist Gospel Lee.

Lee, whose life began in Oklahoma City, will be performing in the Sooner State's capital city in two of its suburbs, Midwest City and Edmond, which along with Turpin, will be the extent of the artist's three-stop "Strides of March" tour.

Since leaving Oklahoma City, Lee now resides in Phoenix, and according to his bio, the rapper has an "imperfect sound" that has developed out of "unbridled passion."

"There is a progressive sense of responsibility that is completely unashamed," the bio said. "This exclusive 'fingerprint' delivery makes it nearly impossible to liken him to any others in his field of rap/hip hop."

The bio also stated Lee translates this custom delivery and relentless passion into profoundly

simple lyrics that birth conscious thought in the listener and foster meaningful questions.

“The lyricism of Gospel Lee in a live context in a high-energy, expressively emotional experience that is raw, yet vulnerable without abandon,” it said. “Another element that distinguishes his live show is his uncanny freestyling prowess, composing entire songs from audience-selected topics spontaneously. At its conclusion, there is nothing left on stage except sweat and broken pretenses.”

Last year, Gospel Lee had his first major release, “Who I Am,” an extended play record which represented a decade of labor, refinement and birth of this new sound, according to the artist’s bio.

“This project was his introduction to the local Phoenix scene as well as announcement to those beyond and has been well received,” it said. “The product of an overwhelmingly successful Kickstarter campaign, the deeply introspective nature of the EP focuses on the commonalities between Gospel Lee and the listener and has united various age and culture demographics under the umbrella of the human experience.”

The Turpin concert will take place starting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Turpin High School Auditorium. A free will love offering will be taken.