

# Dr. Maya Angelou hosting her first-ever radio program

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

This month, as Dr. Maya Angelou receives the President's Medal of Freedom, she will debut her first-ever public radio show that will be available to all PRI (Public Radio International) affiliated stations and African American Consortium stations free of charge.

The diverse and eclectic program will include intimate and provocative stories, poems and conversations that illuminate African American history.

Angelou, a Wake Forest professor and Winston-Salem resident, will share memories of her "mother and sister friend," the late civil rights activist Dorothy Height and will be joined by comedian Chris Rock to discuss Rock's childhood in Brooklyn, his rise to "Saturday Night Live" and



Dr. Maya Angelou's radio show will feature interviews, poems, commentary and more.

his view on comedy. As Rock defines the comic currents of our time, Angelou will offer historical perspective, reflecting on the 1930s and 1940s, including Dusty Fletcher's "Open the Door

Richard" and the brilliance of early comedians who literally set the stage for African American comedy.

A film director in her own right, Angelou explores African American films with

a focus on the work of director Lee Daniels. Daniels and Angelou discuss the success of his movie "Precious" and how work from this filmmaker can impact and change dialogue in American Culture.

From the stage of the Urban League's 100th Anniversary Celebration, the esteemed poet and rapper Common performed a glittering "Old School/New School" call and response. Maya Angelou recited each stanza of "Songs of the Old Ones," as Common interpreted in what Angelou observes as "his preferred language of hip hop."

Maya Angelou's Black History Month Special is underwritten by AT&T. More information and a list of public radio stations currently airing the program can be found at [mayaangeloupublicradio.com](http://mayaangeloupublicradio.com).

## Postponed



A lecture by rapper/actor Common slated to take place on Friday, Feb. 4 at Wake Forest University has been postponed. A representative from the university's Office of Multicultural Affairs, which is sponsoring the event, said last week that Common had to reschedule his lecture after he landed a film role and had to begin work on the project. The Office of Multicultural Affairs expects to announce a make-up date soon.

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