

Charlie Wilson set to perform during WSSU's Homecoming Concert

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R&B icon and BET Lifetime Achievement Award Winner Charlie Wilson will take the stage on Friday, Oct. 30 at 8 p.m. in Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum for Winston-Salem State University's 2015 Homecoming concert.

The concert will also feature the thrilling sounds of Raheem DeVaughn and Leela James.

The concert "is in for a high impact performance like no other," WSSU said in a statement.

A nine-time Grammy nominee, Charlie Wilson has been recognized around the world for his live performances with sold-out shows in the United States, France and the United Kingdom. His numerous awards and accolades include a BET Lifetime Achievement Award in 2013, which will long be remembered as one of the finest tributes ever paid to a legend.

Wilson has commanded center stage since his days as the lead vocalist for the GAP Band. As a solo artist, he has topped the Billboard charts with numerous hits,

Calvert-Hayes to replace Metcalf on school board

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Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education has named Lida Calvert-Hayes the person to replace Jeannie Metcalf, who stepped down during a meeting last month after 21 years on the board. The board called a special meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 20, to select a new member to fill the vacant position.

The new member will add to a board that has a number of new members. Last December the board held an orientation to welcome six new members to the board.

After originally releasing eight names ahead of the interviews, the school board announced they had narrowed the finalists down to four.

When all the candidates

had been interviewed on Oct. 20, the members of the board voted by writing their choice on a piece of paper. After a short discussion and two rounds of voting, the board decided on Lida Calvert-Hayes.

Calvert-Hayes is the president and CEO of S&L Painting and Decorating. Calvert-Hayes has served on a number of boards in city. In 2013, she ran for City Council but was unsuccessful.

In her application, the single mother of three listed her top three priorities if selected to the board would be: increasing the low reading rates, safety for students at all levels and a higher graduation rate for all students.

During the brief discussion, school board member Robert Barr said the fact that Calvert-Hayes raised three children by herself says a lot about the kind of



Calvert-Hayes

person she is.

"Being a single mother of three says a lot," said Barr. "She also brings a lot of knowledge about construction and other things that could be very helpful to the board."

Calvert-Hayes will be sworn in on Tuesday, Oct. 27.

Board by-laws state that the remaining eight school board members choose the person to fill vacancies between elec-

tions. The by-laws also require that the new member be the same political party as the member who vacated the seat. Metcalf is a registered Republican.

Since Metcalf filled the seat for District 2, the board decided that the new board member should also live in District 2, to keep balance on the board. Besides Calvert-Hayes, the other three finalists were Michelle Craun, Jay Davenport and Tina Heelan. All four were interviewed in public.

During the interviews, each candidate was called one at a time and asked a series of questions about why he or she applied for the position, what he or she would bring to the board, and if their schedules would allow them to give the effort to the board that it deserves.

Candidates were also asked questions about the

budget and how they would balance the needs of everyone affected by the board's decisions.

Craun is a volunteer at Jefferson Middle School and PTA president at Vienna Elementary. Craun said she cares deeply about the future of the school district because her children are students in the district.

"Both my children currently attend public school in the district. I care deeply about the future of the school district and how the needs of our students and families," she said.

Davenport is an associate vice president and campaign director at Wake Forest University. Davenport has a master's degree from Ball State University.

In a letter addressed to Ali Tomberlin, general counsel for the school sys-

tem, Davenport said his educational background would make him an ideal candidate for the school board.

"I believe my community service educational background and professional experience make me an ideal candidate for the board," said Davenport. "I believe my talents and drive would be a valuable addition to the school board and administration of our district."

Heelan is a business owner as well. In 2013, she founded Winthrop LLC, a realty company in the area. In the past, Heelan has served as a teacher and principal at public schools.

"I have served as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, and principal for the district," said Heelan. "I can offer perspectives that not just anyone can bring to the board."

Lalah Hathaway to release first live album Oct. 30

BY TIMOTHY COX
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — During an interview on TV One's "News One Now" featuring host Roland Martin, Lalah Hathaway revealed that she would release her first live album on Oct. 30.

"Lalah Hathaway Live" was recorded at the Troubadour Lounge, the same venue where her father, the late Donny Hathaway, recorded his epic, "Donny Hathaway Live" in 1972.

The historic ambience of the legendary Howard Theater, a D.C. national landmark, provided the necessary quaintness for the uniquely soulful songstress, Lalah Hathaway on Sept. 28.

She upheld her father's legacy as another truly gifted American soul artist. Even more, Lalah Hathaway is a musician who comfortably displayed her array of

vocals and classical training from Boston's renowned Berklee College of Music.

During the Howard performance, Lalah opened her set appropriately with a tune recorded by her dad, "Little Ghetto Boy." She noted to news anchor Martin that the tune's lyrics aptly coincide with today's times, sadly enough because of current oppressive occurrences that mirror images of inner city America some 40 years ago.

On TV One, Hathaway revealed that "Little Ghetto Boy" was a tune she grew up with, and always wanted to cover. Thankfully, she's the one who had the nerve and talent to honor her father by providing us with a solid, respectful rendition of this modern-day classic. She purposely sings the tune in the same key as her late father did on his live classic, she revealed to Martin.

Inspirationally, the 105-year-old Howard venue displays life-size black and white images of music legends such as James Brown, BB King, the great Lena Horne and Ella Fitzgerald. On this night, Hathaway would mimic the great Ella by displaying her gift for scat singing, an art that Ella still has no comparisons. But Hathaway captured the essence of this very challenging style of improvisational jazz vocals.

It's also hoped that someday soon Lalah will release an album that accompanies her father's vocals, much like the successful duets that Natalie Cole did with dad Nat King Cole in the early 1990s. The time is just about right for "Hathaway Meets Hathaway."

In a brief conversation with Lalah's mother after the show, Eulaulah Hathaway said that she and Donny met at Howard University, a campus located just minutes

from the Howard Theater, and that both were music majors.

"Yes, Lalah and her sister Kenya get into [musical genes] from both sides," she said. She also noted that first-born Lalah is actually named Eulaulah Donyll Hathaway and that Lalah is third in a generation of family Eulaulahs. Lalah's grandmother is the original Eulaulah, Mrs. Hathaway said.

Younger sister Kenya also studied music at Berklee, sang regularly on the "Tonight Show with Jay Leno," and serves as a vocal coach for TV's "American Idol," according to Mrs. Hathaway. "We're proud of both girls," she added.

For more information and update about Lalah Hathaway, go to her Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/LalahHathaway>.



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Associates of High Point. Brown was staying in a hotel in Lagos where Shotobi worked when the two meet. Brown took him to the states and provided for him so he could go to A&T.

Shotobi said one reason for his visit was to thank Brown for his kindness. He said he wanted to dedicate his crown to Brown.

"Without him, I don't know where I would be today," said Shotobi.



Robert Brown and Oba Kabiru Adewale Shotobi are shown in an embrace at The Chronicle.

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