

'The Wire' shows urban grit

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But once filming was over and the actors started meeting fans of the show, they realized what an impact they had on people. Robinson said because

the show is such an ensemble piece, it's hard to understand what effect a specific part will have on someone. "There are no stars on 'The Wire,'" he said.

"The biggest actor on the show is Baltimore," said Royo. "Baltimore plays a bigger part than any of us." While there may be no stars on the show, "The Wire" made a star and sex

symbol of Idis Elba, who also stars in "Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls." "The Wire" airs Sunday nights on HBO.

Wilson embraces classics and talent

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home. When his mother saw his interest in the instrument, she purchased one as well. By the time Wilson was 10, he began taking piano lessons and a star was born. "I'm known for playing the big romantic pieces," he said.

When he returns to Charlotte to play with the Charlotte Symphony, for the fifth time, he'll be doing what he

loves. Wilson will be in concert with the Charlotte Symphony on March 16-17 at 8 p.m. at the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center.

For ticket information, log on www.charlottesymphony.org.

Wilson said that playing with an orchestra is exciting and his first experience doing it when he was 15 is what whet his appetite for

playing in front of symphonies.

"I was nervous, but once I got on the stage, I was excited," he said. While he isn't as nervous now when he steps on stage to perform, the excitement is the same.

He has appeared with many ensembles, including symphony orchestras in Atlanta, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Washington, D.C.

(National Symphony), San Francisco and St. Louis, as well as with the orchestras of Cleveland, Minnesota and Philadelphia. Among the conductors he has worked with are Marin Alsop, Christoph Eschenbach, Neeme Jarvi, Yoel Levi, Andrew Litton, Jesus Lopez-Cobos and Robert Spano.

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From music to comedy, plenty to do in Charlotte

Jamie Foxx, Nas, art show among spring offerings

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Looking for things to do in Charlotte? New Edition returns to Charlotte March 16 at Cricket Arena. They're bringing the king of begging, Keith Sweat, with them. Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster by calling (704) 522-6500 or logging on to www.ticketmaster.com.

Nas is making one stop in the Carolinas and that's going to be at the Neighborhood Theatre on April 11. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at The Neighborhood Theatre, located at 511 E. 36th St., or by calling (704) 358-9298.

Jamie Foxx will perform live at Charlotte Bobcats Arena on March 23. His show includes stand-up comedy and music. Tickets are on sale at the arena box office in uptown Charlotte.

The Charlotte Art League will hold a spring art show.

All artists 18 years old and older are invited to participate. This show has no theme. First two entries for CAL members is \$20, additional entries \$5; nonmembers first 2 entries \$30, additional entries \$10. Maximum number of entries is five.

All work must be original and completed within the last two years. The following will not be accepted: wet paint or inks; duplicates, giclees or copies; classroom work or work previously exhibited in an Art League show. Painting, drawing, sculpture,

photography, digital art, printmaking, clay works, wood and/or fiber art are eligible. Watercolors, pastels, drawings and prints must be protected by glass or plexi-

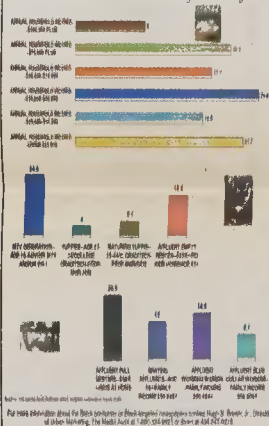
glas and framed. All two dimensional work must be appropriately wired for hanging (no clips,

sawtooth hangers, staples or tape.) Maximum size for 2D work is 48 inches by 48 inches. Maximums for sculpture are 75 pounds, 30-inch by 30-inch footprint, 72 inches high. Display stands, etc. for sculpture must be provided by the artist. Please bring heavy cardboard to protect individual pieces.

First place is \$500; second is \$250; third is \$125 and honorable mentions \$50

For more information please call Maxine Hazeltine at (704) 708-4849 or visit www.charlotteartleague.org

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COCA-COLA "STUDENT" OF THE MONTH



Taylor Jackson.
7th Grader
Carolina International Charter School
Harrisburg



Future Aspirations:
Even though she's just in middle school, Taylor has her sights set on becoming an editor. Spellman, Princeton, Stanford and UConn are in the running for colleges she's considering.

Our "Student of the Month," Taylor Jackson is not only a three-year A Honor Roll student at Carolina International Charter School, but an A Honor Roll individual. With a vibrant personality, she's always considerate of others and will go above and beyond the call of duty for the well being of others. Taylor loves to read, but excels most in math. She's currently taking eighth grade math. A well-rounded student, Taylor is a member of the Student Council, and plays point guard on the Comets basketball team.

In her spare time Taylor enjoys playing tennis as part of the Sugaw Creek Tennis Club and taking piano lessons at David Cox Elementary.

Taylor is the daughter of Mark and Tracee Jackson, has a twin brother, Brandon, and an older brother, LaMark. The family are active members of Simpson-Gillespie United Methodist Church where Taylor is a youth hostess, member of the intermediate Sunday School class, and is currently going through confirmation classes.

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