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Historic Columbia Announces Entertainment Lineup for the 44th Annual Jubilee: Festival of Black History and Culture

R&B Artist Keke Wyatt to headline the festival on September 17th

COLUMBIA, SC (July 6, 2022) – Historic Columbia is excited to announce that R&B artist Keke Wyatt will headline the entertainment lineup for the 44th annual **Jubilee: Festival of Black History and Culture** on Saturday, September 17, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Mann-Simons Site at 1403 Richland Street.

Keke Wyatt will bring her confident vocals to the festival as one of R&B's most dynamic vocalists. In 2000 at age 15, Wyatt first gained popularity after a collaboration with R&B singer Avant on the single "My First Love," which remained a top 10 song in the U.S. for several weeks. Her platinum debut album, *Soul Sista*, was released in 2001 by MCA records and earned its spot at number 33 on the Billboard 200 after selling over a million copies. Since then, Wyatt has released four albums, *Who Knew* (2006), *Unbelievable* (2011), *Rated Love* (2016), *Keke Covers* (2017), and an EP in 2014 titled *Ke'Ke* featuring Neyo and Cristyle.

In 2012, Wyatt joined TV One's reality show, *R&B Divas: Atlanta*. The show documented the lives of five 1990s R&B singers as they worked to rebuild their careers in Atlanta, Ga. Wyatt and her husband, Michael Ford, joined the cast for the sixth season of *Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars* on WE TV.

The Jubilee: Festival of Black History and Culture will offer a variety of entertainment throughout the duration of the festival. Other acts will include the Jubilee Choir, Benedict College Gospel Choir, Camm Wess, Stoi Fashion Show with DJ Kelly Kel and live R&B, gospel, jazz, and soul performers.

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Historic Columbia is searching for vendors and volunteers to join this year's Jubilee: Festival of Black History and Culture. **The deadline for vendor registration is September 2**, and the application form is available [here](#) or visit JubileeSC.org. For more information on becoming a volunteer, please contact Heather Bacon-Rogers at hbacon@historiccolumbia.org, or by calling 803.252.1770 x 23.

About Jubilee: Festival of Black History and Culture

Jubilee is a celebration everyone can enjoy and features live music and entertainment, artist demonstrations, historic storytelling, reenactors, and marketplace vendors selling a variety of ware, products, and art. A children's area will be available with educational and family-friendly activities. In addition, there will be vendors selling food, non-alcoholic beverages, and beer and wine. Jubilee is made possible by Bank of America, along with other [generous sponsors](#), and is a free community event open to the public at the historic [Mann-Simons Site](#), a short walk from the [Modjeska Monteith Simkins House](#). For more information about Jubilee, Mann-Simons Site, and the Modjeska Monteith Simkins House, please visit [JubileeSC.org](#) or email jubilee@historiccolumbia.org.

About Historic Columbia:

In November 1961, a small group of individuals intent on saving the Ainsley Hall House from demolition officially incorporated as the [Historic Columbia Foundation](#). Over the next five decades the organization, which was founded on the premise of preservation and education, would take on the stewardship of seven historic properties in Richland County. Today, the organization serves as a model for local preservation efforts and interpretation of local history. Visit historiccolumbia.org or find us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [YouTube](#) for more details.