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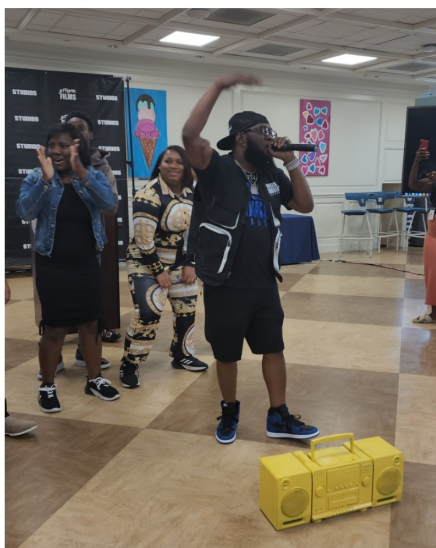
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Philadelphia Freeway's Freedom Thinkers Academy Celebrates Its First of the First Graduating Class in Wilmington, Delaware



WILMINGTON, DE - In an electrifying ceremony in Wilmington, Delaware, Freeway's Freedom Thinkers Academy marked a significant milestone by graduating its first of the first certification class. It was truly my pleasure to attend the graduation of the First of The First for Freedom Thinkers Academy.

The emotional highlight was Freeway himself adorning the graduates with the official Freedom Thinkers Academy Pin. "Y'all are officially members of Freedom Thinkers Academy. You can't buy these anywhere; you have to earn them, and y'all earned them," Freeway exclaimed.

Prior to the graduation, when I asked if he was featured on the song, Freeway hinted with a glint in his eye, "I've got a surprise for

the youth." And surprise he did! Not only did he perform the song alongside the bright talents, but he also thrilled everyone with a performance of all his hit songs, bringing the house down.

Not just a rapper but an ambassador for change, Philadelphia Freeway expressed his heartfelt pride for the students. "It's truly amazing, man. It's a blessing to see it all come together. Y'all own your everything, did it from the muscle in six weeks, and it's such an achievement. It takes artists years to get it down, and I'm so proud of y'all."

The academy, which functions as a beacon of music, health education, and culture, has made significant strides in education. They host workforce certification programs, catering to two main age groups: ages 17-

24 and Re-entry 25 to 55.

This summer's spotlight was on the Engineering 101 audio-visual program in collaboration with Great Oak Charter School students in Wilmington, DE. This fruitful partnership, which involved the CEB and Jet Phynx Films, transformed students' dreams into reality.

Kevin Sutton, the Operations Manager of Freedom Thinkers Academy and also one of the esteemed instructors, couldn't hide his joy. Recalling a message he penned for the students, he said, "Dreams Don't Work Unless You Do." The passion echoed in the sentiment of Jet Phynx, who emphasized the spiritual bond between creativity and God.

From this program, the students learned a plethora of skills, from songwriting, producing, and mixing to

the intricate aspects of business like LLC formation, trademarking, and monetization.

Their hard work culminated in the creation of a single titled *We Got Next*, which is now available on all major music platforms. A remix featuring Philly Freeway is also on the horizon.

For those who missed the ceremony, the event took place on Friday, August 4th, at the Community Education Building located at 1200 N French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.

Recap from Ms. Tiffanie Bazemore-Jacksonm, Director of Community Outreach

The Freedom Thinkers Academy Music program not only was a great experience for the youth involved by giving them insight into the music industry firsthand it brought them each out of their comfort zone. I was determined to bring this program that was only Phila. based to the city of Wilmington, DE. This summer a group of individuals were brought together to form the 1st class in the 1st state to form a group to do a song and music video together under FTA. Took a guided tour through the ROC Nation building in NYC, and walked through the BOOK OF HOV exhibit with Philly Freeway in Brooklyn NY.

Not all members were interested in the music industry, just wanted to try something different for the summer. Those then found a liking within the music industry, whether it's now in interest in beat making, or now a found interest in becoming a rapper.

Others were already solo

artists looking to come into music and get a deal, now having the experience of being in a group and not having things done 100% their way. Not only was the program a lesson of Music Industry 101, it has tools within to create life lessons for the youth.

Being taught and mentored by Strong Gifted Kings of Color (Philly Freeway CEO & founder of FTA, Kevin Sutton, Operations Manager of FTA, Jet Phynx & Oz Prana with Jet Phynx Films Studio). And myself being there each day making sure the students didn't miss a day of class sending group wake up text(it was summer time 😊) not a sleep in summer at all for them! Keeping the motivated and encouraged knowing this was an opportunity for them to create history with us all.

The 1st graduating class of the FTA music engineering program out the 1st State. Having the very 1st A.I. (Artificial Intelligence) music video produced by Jet Phynx Films Studio. F1rst Out The F1rst .

For more details about this groundbreaking initiative, you can visit www.freedomthinkers.academy



Letter from the Publisher



What's Up My Urban People!

I'm Shelly Shell Williams, the Executive Producer of Urban X-pressions video show and the proud publisher of Urban X-pressions NewsMag. There's exciting news I'd love to share with all of you – Urban X-pressions has launched a brand new website!

Did you grow up watching Urban X-pressions? If you did, we want to hear from you. Send us a quick 1-minute video letting us know you grew up watching Urban X-pressions. Tell us about your favorite memory and remind everyone to

head to UrbanXpressions.com to become a member. Send the video to Urbanxpressionsvideo@gmail.com or DM us on Instagram [@urbanxpressions](https://www.instagram.com/urbanxpressions)

There's a lot in store for you this month:

October 24th

Check me out in this upcoming screening of King Fish 2

Advance Screening of "The Kingfish 2"

Date: Tue Oct 24, 2023, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Venice Island

vance screening of the award-winning film series, "The Kingfish 2". Starring talents like Xavier Edwards, Britt Starghill, Taylor Myrick, Jordan Webber, Ayana Ferguson, Noelle Smith, and India Alston, it promises to be an evening to remember. Please note: The screening will begin promptly at 7 PM.

November 11th

Uptown Standard presents 2023 Uppity Awards**

Date: Saturday, November 11, 2023

Location: Jacobs Northwest, 7165 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19119

Urban X-pressions presents the FAME Awards & Indie Media Awards

November 19th

Additionally, I am honored to announce that I'll be speaking at the PMO Presents Digital Black Business Community Expo. Date:**

Sunday, November 19th, from 10am-5pm

Location: 5429 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA

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Warmly,

Shelly Shell Williams

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WORD ON THE STREET

Are You Marriage Material?"

Featuring Christopher Williams Comes to Philadelphia



Williams recent appearance on the "Laughter & R&B" night saw him reveal a personal battle with illness that led to significant weight loss. However, Christopher's spirit remains unbroken. He expressed immense gratitude for being back on stage, touching the hearts of the audience when he delivered a soul-stirring rendition of "Never Would Have Made It." One thing is crystal clear: Christopher Williams can still sing, and boy, can he move a room!

The delightful evening was brought together under the expert hosting of Shelly Shell Williams from Urban Xpressions and Pretty Boy Day from Philly 4 Horseman. The musical soundtrack for the evening brought to you by DJ Doc B.

Reserve your seat for October 21st, and let the play challenge, humor, and move you as it unfolds the depths and dimensions of what it means to truly be "marriage material." For tickets, go to RobertJMooreEnt.com

Are You Marriage Material, the stage play, is on tour. Robert J. Moore took the play to Baltimore to debut to a full house. After leaving audiences in awe in Baltimore, the critically acclaimed stage play by Robert J. Moore, **"Are You Marriage Material?"** is all set to entertain the city of brotherly love. Mark your calendars, Philadelphia, for an evening of soulful drama and comedic brilliance on October 21st!

****Venue:****
Suzanne Roberts Theatre
480 South Broad Street,
Philadelphia

Are You Marriage Material? A Tale for the Singles and the Committed

Whether you're blissfully married or floating in the vast sea of singlehood, at some point, you've probably pondered upon the question – ***Are you truly marriage material?***

It's easy to get lost in dreams of gliding down the aisle, adorned in a white gown delicately laced in pearls, with diamond rings shimmering in all their glory and flower petals laying out your path. But, remember – the glam and glitz of a

wedding last merely a day, while the sanctity of a marriage is meant to span a lifetime. Do you have the essence, the love, the unwavering commitment to truly be a spouse? The play delves deep, presenting both comedic and poignant takes on the very essence of commitment.

Star Power on Stage on October 21st

Fans of the iconic film ***New Jack City*** will be elated to know that the talented ****Christopher Williams**** will grace the stage, adding an extra layer of allure to the already cap-

tivating narrative of **Are You Marriage Material**.

The ensemble cast features some of the finest talent in the theatre world. Expect riveting performances from Chelsee Dante, Mike Davis, Rodney Davis, Brie Creative, Isaiah Smith, Tahja Norman, Joe Donaldson, Jae Broadway, Alnia Crumpler, Latoya Baker, Brian Benson, Tyree Parker, and Taylor Bleu.

More than Just a Play

Earlier this summer, Robert J Moore, in association with M & R Productions and OP Productions, orchestrated a stunning show, the "Summer Laughter & R and B", held at The Queen in Wilmington, DE. The event showcased the comedic genius of Joe Clair, Talent, TaTa Sherise, and TY Jamison. Christopher Wil-



WORD ON THE STREET

Shelly Shell Makes Them Fall in Love with Social Media at Women Acknowledging Women Orlando



tool for change, for growth, for unity.

And speaking of unity, there was this radiant energy in the room, a palpable sense of sisterhood. Tisha Flowers, one of the lucky ones handpicked for the event, echoed my feelings perfectly. "I'm so grateful to just be in the room," she said. Isn't that just the truth? Sometimes, just being *there*, in the thick of it, amidst all that positive energy—it's a blessing.

Every time, every single time, I find myself surrounded by such wonderful, determined women; it fills me up. The vibes, the passion, the unity—it's infectious. Tisha said it best, "He's putting me right where I need to be." And I believe that. For her, for me, for all of us. Destiny has a funny way of doing that,

We came together to uplift, to celebrate, and to acknowledge. That night was about more than just an event; it was a testament to the power of women, the beauty of sisterhood, and the force of faith and determination. Thank you To Michele Liston, Michellesevs.com, a premiere Virtual Assistant, a beautiful soul who connected me to Monique. Thank you to every single woman in that room, thank you. From the bottom of my heart, thank you. It's evenings like these that remind us, over and over, we are right where we need to be. #WAWOrlando #KeynoteSpeaker #Unity #DestinyInDenim

You know, sometimes in life, there are moments that just *stick*. Those moments where you feel like destiny is wrapping her hands around you, pointing you in a direction, whispering, "This. This is where you're meant to be." August 25th was one of those nights for me—and so many others in that room.

You see, Orlando isn't just home to Disney and magic in the theme park sense. On this particular evening, it

was home to another kind of magic—the magic of women acknowledging women. A space where we could come together, not as competitors or strangers, but as sisters, all with dreams, all with stories, and all with a fire that says, "I'm here to make a difference."

Monique Nichols—now, there's a name that carries weight around these parts. If you don't know her (and honestly, where've you been?), she's the driving force behind Women Of

Orlando (WOO). Women Acknowledging Women, A CEO who's showing the world that yes, PINK IS POSSIBLE, even after the storm of breast cancer. A member of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. and just an all-around powerhouse. And on this evening, she gathered us under one roof, one banner, one purpose. She created a space where we could come together to be the stars of our lives, eat, and learn.

I stood there, taking it all in, denim meeting the swish of

everyone's white shirt—the uniform of the evening. I remember thinking, "This is faith in action. This is determination personified." It was my honor to be the Keynote Speaker, sharing words on 'The Busy Entrepreneurs Guide to Social Media.' But let me tell you, it wasn't just about algorithms and content. No. It was about connecting, reaching out, about sharing our stories and passions. I wanted everyone there not just to use social media but to *love* it. To see it as a



WORD ON THE STREET

WIN WOMEN EMPOWER 1st Annual Brunch & BUILD



Tiffany R. Harris is the founder of an international women's movement called WIN WOMEN EMPOWER! The mission statement of this life-enhancing movement is "Women Empowering Women to SOAR, SCALE, and SUCCEED!"

Tiffany is a wife, mother, Award-Winning International Speaker, Mindset Coach and Mentor who is committed, passionate, and dedicated to empowering women to shift the way their minds are set so they can live the most rewarding life they were born to live!

On Saturday, September 16, 2023, Tiffany created a life changing atmosphere for women at the Hilton in Philadelphia. Nearly 50 beautiful, bold, and brilliant women from across the U.S. arrived flawless in their red for WIN WOMEM EMPOWER 2023 BRUNCH & BUILD! Each woman was presented with a rose as they stepped into a room

filled with elegant vibes at the Hilton. Tiffany wanted to literally give her "Sister Friends" their roses while they are still here!

As we approach 2024, Tiffany had a mission and vision to impact women in every area of their life. Therefore, the theme for this undeniable life-shifting brunch was "BUILD!"

Tiffany was intentional about having speakers at the brunch who would empower the brunch attendees to BUILD their health, BUILD their finances, BUILD their credit, BUILD their faith, BUILD their personal relationships, BUILD their professional relationships, as well as BUILD their relationship with God.

Shelly Shell Williams, also known as "Philly's Oprah," was the powerful MC for the brunch!

The four dynamic speakers

were, La'Verne Webb, Rachael, Hanible, Desha, Henfield and Tiaera Williams.

The women filled the room and prayed, laughed, hugged, danced, including dancing on the red carpet, cried, made videos on the 360 camera, networked, made collaborations, spoke life into one another, encouraged one another, supported the vendors, as well as delighted in various delicious foods.

Tiffany closed the brunch by sharing these mind-shifting words with her SISTER FRIENDS, "If you want to live the most rewarding life you were born to live you can't stay stuck at the same level of FAITH" "You may have started with a mustard seed size of FAITH, but your massive increase will take place once you level up in your FAITH!"

This is what some of the

women had to say about their experience at WIN WOMEM EMPOWER 2023 BRUNCH & BUILD:

- This event was nothing short of amazing and transformative!
- This event was epic and life-changing!
- This event saved me!
- I would not have thought about having my own event if I wasn't here!
- Being here saved my life!
- This was the perfect end to a tear-filled week!
- Some of my sister friends are at Women Evolve with Sarah Jakes Roberts, but girlfriend let me tell you about WIN WOMEN EMPOWER event ...

AMAZING...OH, SISTER FRIENDS, Sarah, and Tiffany are going to have to share or check their calendars because, baby, you don't want to miss next year!

- Stay tuned for next year's brunch.. 100 WOMEN IN RED!

SEE YOU THERE! For more information, go to TiffanyHarris.net



WORD ON THE STREET

All Things Music Festival: A Nostalgic Musical Extravaganza!



On August 19, 2023, the Salem County Fairgrounds hummed with the old-school vibes of the "All Things Music" festival, brought to you by Hematite Productions, Ol'Skool Entertainment, South Florida Beaches Entertainment, and Creative Productions. With promotions by Create The Look's Sadina Davis.

Bathed in the warm glow of the sun and serenaded by iconic melodies, the event was reminiscent of a grand musical reunion. Familiar faces enjoying the musical vibes, such as Charlie Mack, Jimmy DaSaint, and Vance Debose, all celebrating Urban X-pressions NewsMag!

An unexpected highlight? Shelly Shell William's im-

promptu dance with Daniel "SkyHigh" McClain, the electrifying new member of the Grammy nominated group After 7!

Legendary bands, from WAR to Average White Band, graced the stage. The return of After 7, complete with its Grammy-nominated trio of Kevon Edmonds, Keith Mitchell, and Danny McClain, was the cherry on

top.

The laughter and wit from hosts Turae and WDAS FM's Patty Jackson added the perfect touch. Media was on hand, like Gary Moore Live, to do a few interviews.

Amidst the beats and tunes, food trucks and vendors dotted the venue, encapsulating the essence of a musi-

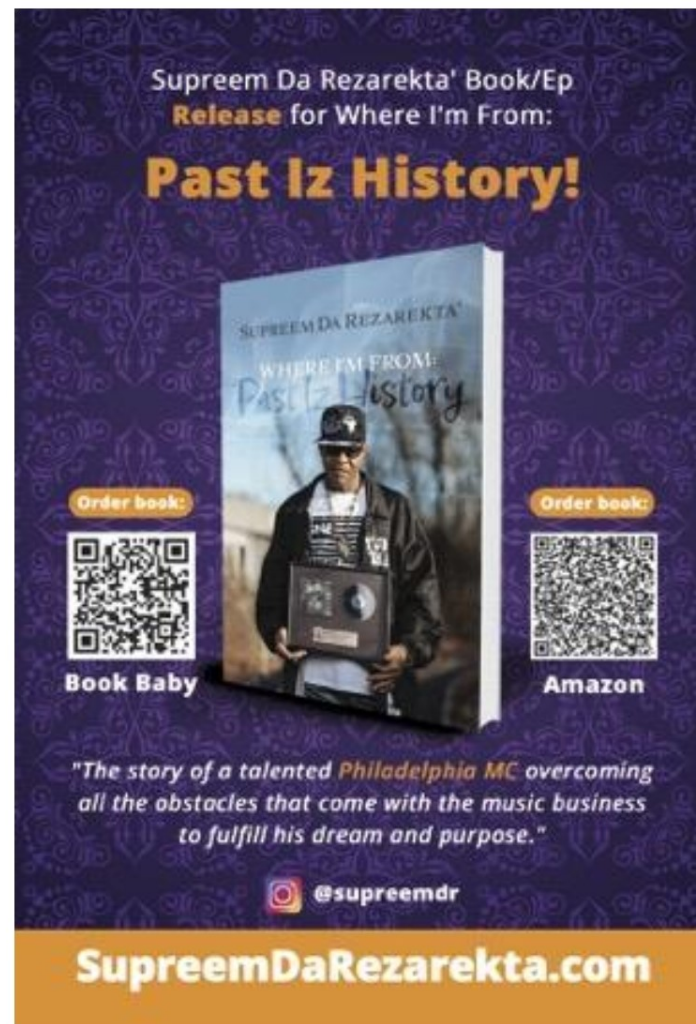
cal carnival. Stay tuned at www.atmfestival.com for more such sensational gigs. Here's to another round next year!








WORD ON THE STREET

Where I'm From:

Past Iz History Book/EP Release Party by Supreem Da Rezarekta



amazing! Thank you to all the wonderful people who came out to show love and purchase a book   or shirt  ! I appreciate you all and it was my pleasure to sign everything, take pictures and put on an incredible performance! Thanks to my sis Leese B for capturing and editing this awesome event that means so much to me and my life! Stay tuned cause we got so much more to come! You can get the Amazon.com best-selling Book and/or EP anytime by going to link below   !

Where I'm From: Past Iz History Book/EP Release Party by Supreem Da Rezarekta

Ain't no business like show business and Supreem And The New Experience put on an awesome show for the Where I'm From: Past Iz History Book/EP release

party at WaR3house 3! Shout out to my band members/DJ'S Anthony James, DJ Xzotic D and DJ CL Smoov for holding it down all night! My host with the most and best friend Mike Howard! My special guests are Melissa Hunter, Daunte-Djseven Taylor, M.A.S - Lights' Out and Firenation

Flamez! Special thanks to my bro Judah Priest for joining me during my set and my sis Leese B for also blessing the stage with me and filming the entire evening! Big shout out to Wallace Dry Goods for coming through and providing the non-alcoholic beverages for me to celebrate with! One

love for every guest that came through to celebrate the Supreem Da Rezarekta' Book/EP release party! and enjoy the show!

Where I'm From: Past Iz History Book/EP Release party at WaR3house 3 was

<http://www.supreemandthenewexperience.com/>



Think On These Things

Poem by Minister
Helen Williams

Thank you, Lord,
for Today!
Brand new mercies
on the way.
I wish I knew how
to repay
The life you gave
me
On that day

There is no way I
always knew,
To equal all you did
and do
But what I can I
want to do
I think inside my
“head” for you

And here I go again
and again
I think I can. I think
I did.
I think inside my
“head.”

There’s nothing,
Lord, that I can do
So God, why do I
continue to?
To think, to think,
what can I do?
I think inside my
“head for you
When God, I know
that all I need is
YOU!

Phil 4:8
And now, dear
brothers and sisters,
one final thing. Fix
your thoughts on
what is true, and
honorable, and
right, and pure

THINK ON THESE THINGS

POEM BY MINISTER HELEN WILLIAMS

THANK YOU, LORD, FOR TODAY!

BRAND NEW MERCIES ON THE WAY.

I WISH I KNEW HOW TO REPAY

THE LIFE YOU GAVE ME

ON THAT DAY

THERE IS NO WAY I ALWAYS KNEW,

TO EQUAL ALL YOU DID AND DO

BUT WHAT I CAN I WANT TO DO

I THINK INSIDE MY “HEAD” FOR YOU

AND HERE I GO AGAIN AND AGAIN

I THINK I CAN. I THINK I DID.

I THINK INSIDE MY “HEAD.”

THERE’S NOTHING, LORD, THAT I CAN DO

SO GOD, WHY DO I CONTINUE TO?

TO THINK, TO THINK, WHAT CAN I DO?

I THINK INSIDE MY “HEAD FOR YOU

WHEN GOD, I KNOW THAT ALL I NEED IS YOU!

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

WORD ON THE STREET

Rick Watson and Oran "Juice" Jones

Bring the 80s Back with "Walking in the Rain Stage Play



On a Saturday evening, a nostalgic tune resonated in the auditorium, a tune most of us associate with the golden era of R&B — "The Rain" by Oran "Juice" Jones. But this wasn't a concert. Instead, it was the staging of an iconic hit in a new avatar — a play, "Walking in the Rain," penned by none other than Rick Watson.

With the intriguing choice of making a stage play based on a song, Watson already had us curious. But then came the icing on the

cake — a narration by Oran Juice Jones himself. The audience was not just watching a play; we were transported back to the 80s, living the song all over again.

Throughout the play, the atmosphere was electric. Every scene evoked emotions, and every dialogue was met with reactions — from sighs to chuckles, and some even shouted back at the characters, a testament to the immersive experience Watson crafted.

What stood out for me was

the debut performance by David Scott. Known to many as a professor and the charismatic host of "Single on a Saturday Night," David brought a fresh, genuine energy to the stage. It's always a pleasure to see individuals step out of their comfort zone and embrace a new challenge. And David did it with flair.

For those who might not know, "The Rain" was not just another song from the 80s. It was a narrative of heartbreak, betrayal, and confrontation. Oran "Juice" Jones didn't just sing it; he

lived the emotion in every line. His emotive rendition was what made it a standout hit. To see the story come alive, in flesh and blood, was both thrilling and heart-wrenching.

By the end of the play, as the lights dimmed, and Oran Juice Jones had his surprise segment, the applause was deafening. The auditorium echoed with the claps of an audience who had walked down memory lane, reliving the rain, the pain, and the confrontation.

If you're a fan of the 80s, or

even if you're not, "Walking in the Rain" is a must-watch. Not just for the song or the story but for the experience — of love, betrayal, nostalgia, and more. For more information on the next play go to Rick-WatsonProductions.com

So next time it rains, and you find yourself humming, I saw you and him Walkin in "The Rain." remember, it's not just a song; it's an emotion, a story, and now, thanks to Rick Watson, a beautiful play.



WORD ON THE STREET

Redsnapperrr's Star-Studded 45th: Did Freeway Really Do Comedy?



There's something about celebrating milestones that brings out the warmth and glow in people. As fans, friends, and family, it's hard not to pour out our admiration and fondness for someone like Redsnapperrr, especially as she marked her 45th birthday.

There's a saying: "Give people their flowers while they can still smell them." Redsnapperrr? Oh, she deserves not just a bouquet but an entire garden. Here's why:

Redsnapperrr's essence is a blend of passion, resilience,

and a heart as vast as the sea. Over the years, she's proven her worth not just in talent but in kindness, forging bonds with the old and the new.

****A Night to Remember:** Redsnapperrr's Thanks Everyone

"I WANT TO THANK GOD FIRST & EVERYONE FOR ALL THE BIRTHDAY WISHES & GIFTS," an ecstatic Redsnapperrr began. Her appreciation, profound and heartfelt, echoed the mood of the evening. "I TRULY APPRECIATE THE PEO-

PLE THAT CAME OUT TO CELEBRATE WITH ME WEDNESDAY 9/13. I HAD A FREAKING BLAST. I'M STILL TRYING TO GET IT TOGETHER."

It wasn't just any party. The venue was lit, thanks to @thealibibarlounge and their fantastic staff who went above and beyond to ensure the night went off without a hitch.

Redsnapperrr's close-knit bond with her family was evident. The gratitude and love she expressed towards her mom, poppop, siblings,

and every dear one who contributed to make her day extra special was nothing short of touching. "OMG I LOVE YALL SO MUCH," she exclaimed.

Then, the surprises began. First, the appearance of the LEGENDARY Philly Freeway @phillyfreeway sent the crowd into a frenzy. From the heartwarming interview to the live performance, he left no stone unturned. But the cherry on top? His comedy act! "YOUR FIRST COMEDY PERFORMANCE WAS PHENOMENAL AND FUNNY AS HELL," she

recalled with glee.

Several others left indelible marks on the evening. From the electrifying @son_of_the_215 and @iamtammijean, to the heartwarming surprise by @around_theway_girl, it was an evening of jaw-dropping moments.

Let's not forget @imlajitt's meticulous planning, ensuring the decorations were on point and that the cake, supplied by @nastymouthtreats, was perfect. With photos captured by @stefancurrywitdashot and performances that spanned from music to comedy, the night was nothing short of magical.

Special shout-outs to the DJs, comedians, and every performer, especially the likes of @glocawear, @hiphondeckea, @djsuga215, J.N.L.B4 and so many more. The list is long, and every individual contributed to the unforgettable memories crafted that night.

For those who couldn't be there, don't fret! "MORE PICS/VIDS AND INTERVIEW DROPPIN. STAY TUNED," she teased.

In the end, the evening wasn't just about the glam, the glitz, or even the birthday girl alone. It was about love, unity, and cherishing moments. Cheers to Redsnapperrr! Here's to more fabulous celebrations in the future.





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*The pain that you've been feeling, can't compare to
the Joy that's coming*

- J** - Jesus 1st (Mat.6:33 But seek first the kingdom of
God
& his righteousness, and all these things
will be added to you)
- O** - Others 2ND (Rom.12:10 Love one another with
brotherly affection)
Out do one another on showing honor.
- Y** - Yourself 3rd (Philip.2:3 Do nothing from selfish
ambition or conceit , but in humility count others
more significant than yourselves)

**FOR TRUE JOY FOLLOW THESE
3 THINGS IN THAT ORDER.**

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Germantown Church of the Brethren (GCOB)

located in Mt. Airy hosted its first ever community event—Carnival 300



ferred discounts on items. Additionally, there were resources for children to sign up for reading programs and after school mentoring camps provided by Lafiya Family Services, Supreme Gospel Entertainment, X-pressions, Inc. The event ended with a stirring prayer by one GCOB's ministers who prayed over the youth and the city. He decreed and declared that our children will be safe and the violence throughout Philadelphia and beyond will cease. The attendees rejoiced and then headed to pick up their school supplies.

Pastor Richard believes with the right partnerships, next year's event will be more spectacular, and more resources will become available to assist residents. Carnival 300—celebrating 300 years of God's faithfulness to Germantown Church of the Brethren made history!

Follow us on social media for updates! Facebook: Supreme Gospel Ent. | Instagram and TikTok: @sherrisupremegospel – until the next column, remain encouraged!

As the summer winded down, Germantown Church of the Brethren (GCOB) located in Mt. Airy hosted its first ever community event—Carnival 300, which celebrated the 300th church anniversary. Under the leadership of Pastor Richard Kyrematen, GCOB held a party that spanned four city blocks.

The goal of this event was not only to celebrate the church's milestone but to provide community resources, social services, and

fun activities for the entire family. From drill teams to music ministries, face painting, moon bounces, water slides, and book bag giveaways provided by Supreme Gospel Entertainment the community give back outreach proved to be a hit.

For years, Pastor Richard desired to coordinate a block party in which the city streets in front of the church buildings would be free of traffic and safe for families to play and have wholesome fun. His desire became a reality as his members

worked seamlessly with other organizations to ensure everyone enjoyed their time.

GCOB's worship team started things off after a lovely prayer by one of its ministers then independent artists Brennen Pritchett, Aaron Hill, Essence, and rapper Scenario kept the music coming. The audience began to swell as some of the artists sang familiar tunes including "He Looked Beyond My Faults" to their original songs.

While the performance

stage was active, the kids' zone was equally as active. The water slides and moon bounces provided hours of endless fun and the snack station was filled with soft pretzels, water ice and ice cream. Magic Music Group's drill team came ready to go and gave everyone a presentation to remember. The deejay featured tons of hit songs in between sets and had the crowd dancing literally in the streets. Clothing vendors to authors and everything in between supported this community event and of-



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