

Soulful Summer Tour ANTHONY HAMILTON WITH SPECIAL GUESTS ERIC BENÉT & MARCUS CANTY DPAC, Durham Performing Arts Center May 31, 2013

April 2, 2013 (Durham, NC) — Soul fans are in for a treat when DPAC, Durham Performing Arts Center, plays host to Anthony Hamilton with special guests Eric Benét and Marcus Canty on June 8, 2013. This show is presented in partnership by The DOME Group, Inc.

Tickets go on sale Friday, April 5 at 10am:

- Online at <u>DPACnc.com</u>
- DPAC Ticket Center: 919.680.2787, 123 Vivian Street, Durham, NC
- Ticketmaster.com / Ticketmaster Charge by phone at 800.745.3000

Friends of DPAC members may place their orders on April 4. Joining Friends of DPAC is free, and you can register at http://www.dpacnc.com/fod.

"It's a line-up we're really excited about," says Sulaiman Mausi of The DOME Group, Inc. "Anthony Hamilton, Eric Benét and Marcus Canty will be the perfect show to kick off the summer. Don't miss it!"

Fans began paying attention to Anthony Hamilton in 2002, when he sang the infectious hook on the Nappy Roots' "Po' Folks." That performance netted the singer the first of 10 Grammy[®] nominations for Best Rap/Sung Collaboration. More recently, his arresting voice provided the perfect accompaniment to Jill Scott's earthy vocals on the captivating duet "So in Love." Their dynamic pairing also set a record: 18 weeks at No. 1 on *Billboard's* Urban Adult Contemporary chart. His fourth studio album, *Back to Love*, debuted at number 12 on the *Billboard* 200 chart, selling over 63,000 copies in its first week. This was his follow-up to the 2008 gold-certified, No. 1-debuting album, *The Point of It All.*

The Charlotte, N.C. native's resume also includes performing a virtual duet of "Buon Natale" alongside Nat King Cole for *The Nat King Cole Holiday Collection* and a cameo appearance in the 2007 Oscar[®]-nominated film *American Gangster* starring Denzel Washington. Hamilton also performed that soundtrack's lead song, the Diane Warren-penned "Do You Feel Me," while his songs "Struggle No More" and "Can't Let Go" appeared on the *Daddy's Little Girls* soundtrack.

In addition to giving back through music, Hamilton participates in various national and local outreach initiatives. An adoptee himself, he currently serves as the national spokesperson for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). CASA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness of the growing number of African-American children in the foster care system and recruiting volunteers to advocate for foster children.



R&B crooner, songwriter and actor Eric Benét has successfully released six albums and was also nominated for a 2012 Grammy[®] Award for "Best Traditional R&B Performance" for his single "Sometimes I Cry." He has also been active as an actor and most recently starred in his first lead role in the feature film *Trinity Goodheart*. Additionally, Eric had a recurring role on the television program *For Your Love* (1998–2002) and made his film debut alongside Mariah Carey in *Glitter* (2001).

Marcus Canty is the 21-year-old who won the hearts of America on Fox's *X Factor* talent show. In 2009, Canty was chosen over hundreds of high school seniors across the nation by the National Foundation for Advancement In The Arts – YoungArt (which recognizes and supports America's most talented 15 to 18-year-olds in the visual, literary and performing arts), and was inducted into the organization.

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About DPAC

With a mission of presenting one-of a-kind live entertainment events, DPAC truly has "something for everyone", hosting over 175 performances a year including spectacular touring Broadway productions, high-profile concert and comedy events, family shows and the heralded American Dance Festival. Operated under the direction of Nederlander and Professional Facilities Management (PFM), DPAC has been listed three consecutive years as the #1 performing arts organization in the region by the Triangle Business Journal.

What's up next at DPAC? Back by popular demand jazz superstar Diana Krall (April 6), must-see breakout rock group NEEDTOBREATHE (April 10), followed by comedy's biggest night with Bill Engvall and Larry the Cable Guy (April 13).

For more information please go to <u>www.DPACnc.com</u>.