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SOULAUGHABLE Clean Comedy Show to Film in Savannah



Valencia Wilson

Lataillade Entertainment announced the start of production for the second season of SOULAUGHABLE - a comedic showcase hosted by Flex Alexander that features a rotating lineup of today's hottest family friendly comedians.

Filming for the new season will take place from August 14 -15, 2009 at the Savannah College of Art and Design's Trustees Theatre located at 216 E. Broughton St. Among the performers is Valencia Wilson.

Better known as "Ms. V", Valencia Wilson is well known comedian, singer, actress, songwriter, radio personality, and anointed preacher.

As a comedian, "Ms. V" can work a crowd like no other. The way she pokes fun at the inner workings of the church is masterfully funny to say the least.

"Ms. V" recorded a live comedy movie entitled "Laughalujah Mega Comedy" in Phoenix, Arizona and she is also part of an exciting tour called

"Laughalujah Gurfrienz" along with other notable comedians in the likes of Debra Terry and Meshelle. As a singer, "Ms. V" has performed on stage with gospel singers and comedians like Marcus Wiley, Mike Washington, Wille Brown & Woody, Rod Z Just to name a few.

"Ms. V" has graced the stage as an actress in numerous one-woman show entitled "Wellqueesha", "Big Mama", "Sista Stackhouse", and "First Lady Plummer". Other stage please include, "I Just Loved That Man", "Ain't Nobody's Business", "The First Ladies' Club", "Love Don't Live Here Anymore", "Sista Gurl", "After You Done All to Stand", and "Heaven's Express".

"Ms. V" resides in Birmingham Alabama and is the proud mother of six children.

Savannah Fire and Emergency Introduces New Fire Engines



Chief Charles G. Middleton thanks Savannah Mayor Otis Johnson for the support and leadership the Mayor and City Council displayed in the purchase of three new fire engines.

The new engines were manufactured by Sutphen Corporation of Columbus, Ohio and delivered to the Savannah Fire Department within the past couple of weeks.

Once outfitting was complete, Savannah firefighters began training on the new machines which feature a more environmentally friendly diesel engine and additional safety elements for firefighters and the motoring public.

Manufactured to NFPA standards, the new engines

were custom built to local specifications.

Savannah Fire personnel, along with city vehicle maintenance and other staff, spent approximately four months developing the local specifications before the new machines were ordered in December 2008 at a cost of approximately \$460,000 each.

The new apparatus feature an air ride suspension, which provides a smoother ride and reduces fatigue on the apparatus. The state-of-the-art diesel engines incor-

porate a particulate regeneration process of cleaning their own filters which reduces the amount of emissions into the environment. All exterior lighting are energy-saving LED and operate off the engines' alternators, eliminating the need for large generators to power lights for illuminating fire scenes.

The engines carry 750 gallons of water, allowing firefighters to quickly attack fires, and can pump up to 1500 gallons of water per minute when attached to a water source.

Eunice Kennedy Shriver Passes Away



Eunice Kennedy Shriver

President John F. Kennedy's sister, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who carried on the family's public service tradition by founding the Special Olympics and championing the rights of the mentally disabled, died early Tuesday surrounded by relatives at a Hyannis hospital. She was 88.

"She was the light of our lives, a mother, wife, grandmother, sister and aunt who taught us by example and with passion what it

means to live a faith-driven life of love and service to others," the family said.

As celebrity, social worker and activist, Shriver was credited with transforming America's view of the mentally disabled from institutionalized patients to friends, neighbors and athletes. Her efforts were inspired in part by the struggles of her mentally disabled sister, Rosemary.

"Early in life Rosemary was different," she wrote in a

1962 article for the Saturday Evening Post. "She was slower to crawl, slower to walk and speak. ... Rosemary was mentally retarded."

Realizing the children were far more capable of sports than experts said, Shriver organized the first Special Olympics in 1968 in Chicago. The two-day event drew more than 1,000 participants from 26 states and Canada. She earned a sociology degree from Stanford University in 1943 after graduating from a British boarding school while her father served as ambassador to England. Survivors include her husband, and the couple's five children: Maria Shriver, who is married to Schwarzenegger; Robert, Santa Monica, Calif.; Timothy, chairman of Special Olympics; Mark, an executive at the charity Save the Children; and Anthony, founder and chairman of Best Buddies International, a volunteer organization for the mentally disabled.

Sotomayor Sworn In As First Latina Justice



Judge Sotomayor is sworn in by Chief Justice Roberts as her mother Celina holds the family Bible.

Tom Bowman, NPR
Sonia Sotomayor has been sworn in as a Supreme Court justice, becoming the first Hispanic justice and only the third woman to reach the high bench.

The 55-year-old justice was raised in a South Bronx

housing project. Saturday, August 8, she raised her hand in an ornate conference room at the Supreme Court, beneath a portrait of the legendary Chief Justice John Marshall.

She took the oath from Chief Justice John Roberts, flanked by her brother and her mother, who held the Bible.

Sotomayor swore to "administer justice without respect to persons" and "do equal right to the poor and to the rich."

Relatives and friends applauded at the end of her oath. A private oath was administered before the public ceremony.

Roberts, wearing his black judicial robe, said that once the oaths were done, Sotomayor could "begin work as associate justice without delay."

Sotomayor has been a federal judge for 17 years. Obama nominated her in May to take the place of Justice David Souter after Souter announced his retirement. The Senate confirmed Sotomayor's nomination Thursday by a 68-31 vote.

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