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Franklin Duets with Blige on 'Bobby'

Kennedy connection beyond soundtrack

(AP) -- Aretha Franklin's connection to Robert Kennedy goes far beyond her appearance on the "Bobby" soundtrack.

The Queen of Soul, who performs a duet on the album with Mary J. Blige, used to perform at the old Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, where Kennedy was assassinated in 1968, and also sang at Kennedy's memorial service.

So when her agent called and asked her if she'd sing on the soundtrack to "Bobby," the new film centered around Kennedy's assassination, "I said I would love to do it," Franklin told The Associated Press.

"Like most people, I appreciated the Kennedys, and I did do Bobby's memorial service at Arlington (National) Cemetery and met the rest of the family and thought very highly of them," Franklin said in a phone interview last week. "I just couldn't let it pass."

Franklin said she learned even more about Kennedy



Mary J. Blige



Aretha Franklin

through her involvement in the project. The final song on the soundtrack, out Tuesday, features a speech by the late politician.

"I had no idea Bobby Kennedy was as deep as he was," Franklin said. "He really had a lot of substance and content."

She also talked about the "awful" time of turmoil in the nation that the movie depicts through the lives of several fictional characters.

"It's really something that we should all take a look at again," she said.

Franklin performs the inspirational song "Never Gonna Break My Faith," with Blige; previously appearing on a Blige album. Regarding work with Blige, Franklin said: "It's always delightful. We had fun. She's a younger artist whom I appreciate."

But Franklin seems to have had the most fun working on her own upcoming album, which she plans to release in February on her own label, Aretha's Records.

"I've got a lot of good stuff, a lot of good stuff — I'm very very happy with all of it," she said of the record, which also includes a duet with Faith Hill.

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Foxx Honors Biological Mom

Dedicates song at awards show

(AP) -- It was a more-than-unpredictable night for Oscar winner Jamie Foxx at the American Music Awards program Nov. 21 at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

Not only did he snag his first AMA, for best soul-R&B male artist, but his biological mother attended the show. He hadn't seen her in years.

"I dedicate this song, y'all, to my mother in the audience, and everyone. I hope you allow me to be myself," Foxx said, introducing a performance of his song "Wish U Were Here" from 2005's "Unpredictable."

Backstage, Foxx waxed poetic about his mother being present.

"My biological mother didn't raise me. A lady adopted my bio-



Jamie Foxx performs at the 2006 American Music Awards in Los Angeles (AP photo)

logical mother and then adopted me at 7 months," he said. "It feels good to have her see me doing something great."

When asked about winning an award for his music, on top of his

Academy Award for his portrayal of Ray Charles in the movie "Ray," Foxx grinned.

"It's a different flow, of course. But for music, for what I want to do ... it's everything," he said.

Winter Concert at WSU-Vancouver

Student, staff and faculty musicians of the University Singers at Washington State University Vancouver present their annual Winter Concert at noon, Tuesday, Dec. 5 in the auditorium of the Student Services building.

The show features Songs of Nature (Antonin Dvorak), That's Entertainment, I Only Have Eyes for You/The More I See you, Save the Last Dance for Me, and more.

The event is free and open to the public. WSU Vancouver is located at 14204 N.E. Salmon Creek Ave., east of the 134th Street exit from either I-5 or I-205. Parking is available in the blue lot for \$2 or at parking meters.

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Crab Cakes	served with a remoulade on a bed of mixed greens	7.50
Onion Rings	served with ranch dressing	5.95
Quesadilla	served with shredded lettuce, tomato and onions	5.95

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Caesar Salad	served with romaine, croutons, and Parmesan Cheese	7.50
Chef Salad	Turkey, Ham, Cheddar & Swiss, Tomato, Egg, Bacon and choice of dressing	7.75
Cobb Salad	chicken, bacon, tomato, avoc., blue cheese crumbles, olives, any dressing	7.75
Greek Salad	Kalamata olives, onions, tomato, feta cheese with a vinaigrette	7.95
Shrimp Louie	bay shrimp, black olives, tomato, egg, and choice of dressing	7.95
Taco Salad	served in a tortilla bowl with mixed greens, tomato, onions, olives, cheddar cheese, sour cream, guacamole, tortilla chips and pico de gallo	8.25

SANDWICHES *All sandwiches served with French fries*

BLT	Bacon, lettuce, tomato and mayo on sourdough	6.95
French Dip	thin sliced prime rib served au jus	7.95
Half Sandwich & Soup	choice of turkey, ham or roast beef, lettuce, tomato and mayo served with clam chowder	6.95
Prime Rib Sandwich	served open face, au jus, on toasted sourdough	7.95
Reuben	Cornd beef with 1000 island dressing, Swiss cheese and sauerkraut	7.25
Turkey Club	turkey, lettuce, tomatoes, Havarti cheese, bacon and mayo on Toasted Sourdough	7.25

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BBQ Bacon Cheeseburger	with lettuce, tomatoes, onion, mayo	7.95
Buffalo Chicken Burger	tossed in a spicy sauce, with lettuce, tomatoes, onion, mayo	7.75
Classic Cheeseburger	lettuce, tomato, onion, mayo	7.50
Patty Melt	seasoned burger with red onion, Swiss cheese, 1000 island dressing	7.50
Spice Burger	Cajun spice, stuffed with blue cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato, mayo onion	7.95

LUNCH ENTREES *All entrees served with soup or salad

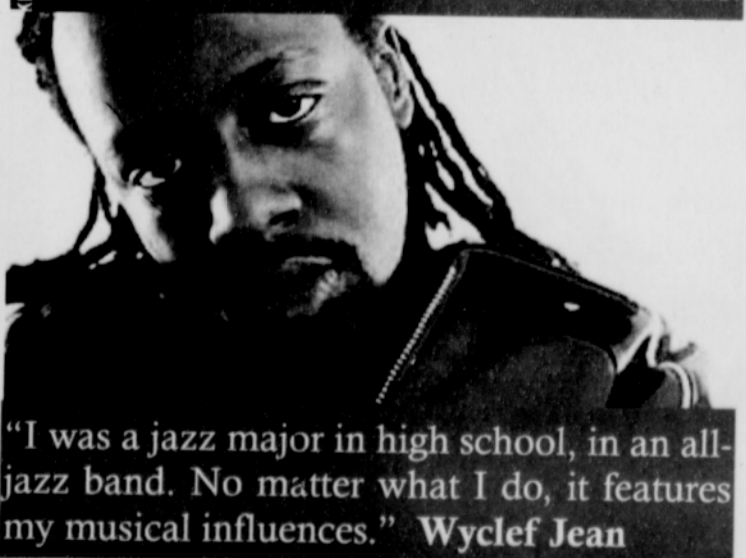
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