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Deeds, a relationship drama which he wrote, directed and stars in opposite an A-list cast which includes Thandie Newton, Gabrielle Union, Phylicia Rashad, Rebecca Romijn, Jamie Kennedy, Beverly Johnson and Brian White.

Kam Williams: Hi Tyler, thanks for the interview.

Tyler Perry: No worries.

KW: Do you care to comment about the passing of Whitney Houston?

TP: [Pauses to collect himself] Kam, I can't... I'm actually just trying to find a way to get through the day today... [Hesitates] Nobody knows this, but I was very close to... [Chokes up] Sorry... I can't... No offense to you, Kam.

KW: I understand completely. I have a lot of other questions for you from fans. Harriet Pakula Teweles says: Good Deeds is a unique film for you in that the story revolves around an issue in your character's life. She was wondering how you came up with the idea for the story? She points out that this is a film about a "defining moment," so she's wondering whether it was inspired by such a moment in your life or career that you'd like to share?

TP: Yeah, for me, it was a question of just reflecting at 40 that I was very grateful that I had followed my own voice. So, that led me to my own path and I listened to outside influences. Good Deeds is a story about a guy who had always done what he was told to do but never what he wanted to do until

his defining moment arrives when someone comes along who helps open his eyes. I've had a few of those moments in my own life like when during a job interview I was told, "You don't complete anything. Your application isn't even complete." And right at that moment, I realized I had to become a finisher, and see every task through to completion.

KW: Harriet observed that there are a number of actors and actresses you've collaborated with several times in film and/or TV. Is there a Tyler Perry acting ensemble?

TP: I'd say I'm open to anybody. I'm very open to fresh talent, and I love the underdog, people who have been counted out, because they come in with a different type of hunger. For instance, nobody would give the members of the cast of House of Payne a shot on TV, period. Yet, here they are with already more episodes than any other sitcom in history except Leave It to Beaver. I'm all for the underdog, so I'd like to talk to anybody who shows up with that sort of thirst.

KW: Harriet also asks: How do you use music to advance the message, mood and momentum of the movie?

TP: Just as we do in life. There's always a soundtrack playing in the background somewhere. Growing up, there was always music around, whether across the street, or on the next-door neighbor's stereo. So, as in life, music is always around, and it helps to heighten any emotion. Music is amazing.



Brenda (Beverly Johnson, left), Wilimena (Phylicia Rashad, center) and Natalie (Gabrielle Union, right) in Tyler Perry's "Good Deeds."

KW: Editor/legist Patricia Turnier asks: What message do you want people to take away from the film?

TP: Just that life is but a moment. Life is so precious, such a gift, and that you have to live for you. Live your own truth, live the life that God has put you and nobody else on this Earth to live and not what somebody might be telling you to live.

KW: Film student Jamaal Green says: s. In the spirit of helping the next generation of successful African-American artists do you have a mentoring program for aspiring young black filmmakers?

TP: Jamal, right now, we're in the process of expanding the studio from 5 soundstages to 15. Once they're done, there will be a

1200-seat theater where I intend to open up classes and courses, and even host an annual festival in Atlanta where folks can come and be inspired and encouraged and get some information about how to be in the business.

KW: Professor/director/author Hisani Dubose says: Since there are so few African-Americans of your stature in entertainment, I know you must be inundated with requests from people wanting to get their projects off the ground. I know because at least 100 people have asked me if I've sent my scripts to you. How do you

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Vancouver Housing Authority is receiving bids for Project "201204 - Valley Homestead" until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at the Vancouver Housing Authority front reception desk, 2500 Main Street, Vancouver, Washington 98660 at which time all bids will be opened and read aloud.

This project is partially financed through the Community Development Block Grant Program with funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The contract will require the payment and tracking of federal wages thru Davis-Bacon and shall be subject to the regulations of the Department of Labor and Department of Housing and Urban Development.

A MANDATORY site walk-through will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2012. The address is 4921 NE Hazel Dell Ave., Vancouver, Washington 98663. Meet in parking lot outside the building.

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Specifications are available at Precision Images - www.precisionimages.com and may be viewed at our Main St. office and local plan centers. Bids may be mailed, or delivered, to Pam Haynes, Vancouver Housing Authority, 2500 Main Street, Vancouver, WA 98660. Technical questions may be directed to Terry Harder at 360-993-9511. Bidding paperwork questions may be directed to Pam Haynes at 360-992-0217.

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The Housing And Community Services Agency (HACSA) of Lane County is accepting applications for a full-time position as Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator, who provides case management services to program participants, in our Springfield office. Salary \$2,592.53 to \$3,683.84/mo. Posting & application may be obtained at www.hacsa.org or at 177 Day Island Rd, Eugene. Completed application packet must be received by 4:00 PM, February 21st, 2012. **Resumes will not be accepted.** EOE/ADA

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PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) # 11-12

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The Portland Development Commission (PDC) is seeking sealed competitive proposals from qualified and experienced non-profits to provide Economic Opportunity Initiative-Microenterprise services throughout Portland, as outlined in RFP # 11-12. The full RFP can be downloaded from the PDC website at www.pdc.us on or after February 10, 2012. A voluntary pre-proposal meeting for the RFP will be held on February 16, 2012, at 10:30 AM (Pacific) in the PDC first floor Commission Conference Room at 222 NW 5th Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Instructions for attendance at the meeting can be found in Section 6.3 of the RFP. Proposals must be received no later than March 23, 2012, by 2:00 PM (Pacific) at 222 NW 5th Avenue, Portland, OR 97209. Fax, oral, or email proposals will not be accepted. Direct all questions regarding this RFP to Linda Andrews, 503-823-3261 (direct) or andrewsl@pdc.us (email). PDC encourages participation of M/W/ESB firms in this and all contract opportunities.

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