



Trecinda Payne

## WIGGS — WARREN EXTRAVAGANZA

Appearing at your family reunion are two powerhouse performers & to top it off, both are family members! It's rare when you get the opportunity to see just one national recording artist at an event, but our reunion is giving you two. Do not miss this event.

Both Trecinda and Tony are the grandchildren of Rufus & Estella (Wiggs) Exum and great grandchildren of Dock & Lucinda (Sherrod) Wiggs as well as Alfred Exum, and Chloe Wiggs.



Tony Exum, Jr.



Trecinda is an anointed psalmist and woman of God whose spirit of love has reach into the depths of souls, young and old alike for more than 50 years. Trecinda began singing in local churches while traveling around the state of North Carolina with her mother. As she grew older, Trecinda became very well known for her captivating voice and natural ability as a psalmist. Young and old alike will be able to appreciate and enjoy her song ministry as they are comforted by her soothing delivery of traditional sounds. Everyone who listens to her ministry in song will be totally uplifted and blessed regardless of their age, gender, race or color. Trecinda has worked with such Gospel artists as Dr. Bobby Jones, Hezekiah Walker, Marvin Sapp, The Late Rev. James Moore, the late Rev. Timothy Wright and Norman Hutchings.

National recording artist Tony Exum Jr. is a contemporary jazz, R&B and funk saxophonist, songwriter and performer with a sultry and soulful sound. In 2019 Tony released his single "My Name's Tony" receiving national airplay, charting on the Smooth Jazz Network top 100 chart for several weeks. In addition, the My Name's Tony Spring/Summer 14 city tour, included performances at the San Diego Smooth Jazz Festival in San Diego, California, Spaghettini's in Long Beach, California, The Soiled Dove Underground in Denver Colorado, Jazz in The Park in Prattville, Alabama and the Winter Park Jazz Festival in Winter Park Colorado to name a few. After a challenging year in 2020. Tony took 2021 to new heights musically and professionally with an unrestrained passion and impeccable work ethic that was second to none. Tony recently signed a record contract with New England based BSE Recordings/Orchard/Sony with new music coming in 2022. Shared the stage with Gerald Albright, James Lloyd (of Pieces of A Dream), Marcus Anderson, Eric Marienthal, Jackiem Joyner, Eric Darius and Euge Groove.

**The 60's:** The 1960's was a turbulent time period for our country. There was the assassinations of President Kennedy, Civil Rights leader, Reverend Martin Luther King and Human Rights Activist & Minister, Malcolm X. There were the infamous Detroit & Watts riots as well as many others across the nation, protest of all sorts & who can forget Vietnam. It was



also a period in which there was the rise of the Black Panther Party, an emerging generation gap & last but not least, man landed on the moon. Through it all, music kept us & many others going strong. Artist like Sam Cooke, Smokey Robertson, Bettye Swann and Barbara Mason provided the smooth sounds; groups like the Temptations & the Four Tops were always trying to out do each other. Then there was James Brown, Martha Reeves & the Vandellas & Jr. Walker & the All Stars who would come along with a gut punch to wake you up. To refresh some of those memories, there will be a room set aside **after Friday's meet & greet** for seniors interested to sit back & enjoy the music of yesteryear. There may even be a "Name that Tune contest, but we will wait & see. NOTE: Seniors 60-years of age and older have priority seating for this event.

On **Saturday night** after Tony & Trecinda performs, we'll do a "60's Review" of it's music, dance and fashion for all to enjoy. Seniors, be careful...dancing today as you did back then could be detrimental to your health. Others who think they know how to the Watusi, Locomotion, Hucklebuck or Madison are welcome to try. Full details are forthcoming.



New pictures to be posted in each Newsletter. Send copies of your vintage pictures. The older the better!

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Website has been updated & contains a multitude of information for the upcoming family reunion. You will be able to make your hotel reservations and register for the reunion on this site. Want to know more...visit <http://wiggs-warren-reunion.org/>  
Deadline for discounted hotel reservations: **September 6, 2022. No discounted rooms after this date!**  
Deadline for reunion reservations: **September 15, 2022.**

## Other Important Information

**Memories:** When growing up, we all had the opportunity to listen to our elders talking about events, family members, who did this or who did that, or whatever. The importance of these memories is that they were oral histories of our past & should not be forgotten. In an effort to do just that, I am soliciting current family members for memories from their past. Attached is a copy of "Maddie's Memories which was submitted by Maddie Wiggs Wilson who's grandfather Dock Wiggs, was born a slave. Her story however is about one of Dock's daughter's, Lue Hattie Wiggs Watson who helped raise her & was also a midwife. If anyone have any memories of our ancestors born before 1950 they would like to share, please do so. Submissions however **must be typed, no more than 3 pages; in a Word Doc. File & sent to me via my email address below.** Deadline for all submissions: **July 1, 2022.**

**Family Historical Book:** A revision of the family historical book **will not** be published this year. There will however be a small pamphlet available with some updated information & pictures therein. If you have any information or pictures you would like considered for inclusion, please adhere to the deadline to submit: **July 1, 2022.** No consideration will be given to late submittals.

**T-Shirts:** Will not be offered this year unless there is at least 100 pre-ordered and paid for in advance request prior to the reunion. In the past, T-Shirts that had been offered were not all sold leaving an abundant excess which the cost of them were never recovered. Cannot keep doing! Due date for the 100 pre-ordered, paid for T-Shirts is **August 1, 2022.** Date will not be extended for any reason. Need some quick, but constructive feedback on this subject!

**Bus Leaving From Wilmington, Delaware:** Departing from the Acme parking lot at 1901 Concord Pick & Murphy Road at 7:00AM, October 7, 2022 to Raleigh NC, and return on the afternoon of October 9, 2022. Cost per person has yet to be determined. Once the cost have been established, contact Richard Hucks at (302)545-8756 to reserve your seats. All seats are first come, first serve. The bus will also make a stop in Maryland at the Super 8 on Allentown Road to pickup people as well. The bus is a 56-passenger, with comfort climate controls and movies playing through-out the trip. Sets will be very affordable so this is one of those deals that cannot be beat.



**Meet & Greet:** During the last reunion, we had the meet & greet at the ***Herbert C. Young Community Center***, 101 Wilkerson Ave, Cary, NC., which was only three miles from the hotel. Utilizing this facility turned out to be a pretty good move and we are planning to do it again. As with the last time, there will be two ballrooms used at the community center. Ball-room A will have the traditional set up with enough room to spread out & enjoy each other's company as well as the food & beverages. There will also be displays of family pictures, records & historical information. Ballroom B will once again be for the young and restless. Music and games will be provided for them. Random door prizes will also be awarded and everyone is eligible to win.

**Fundraisers:** To help offset the overall cost of the reunions, we hold a raffle for a variety of things, & do pick up a few donations here & there, but what has been made in the past comes no where near the cost of what is being spent. In addition to the cost of the raffle prizes given at the reunion, there are cost for the following:

Pens, pencils, table decorations, etc.	Entertainment	Door Prizes
Meet & Greet Buffet	Lifetime Achievement Awards	Postage & Printing Services



The above is not inclusive of everything, it just to give you an idea of what goes on behind the scenes. With the rising cost of everything you can think of, it would be extremely helpful if some of you were to hold a few fundraisers in your hometowns between now and this year's reunion. I believe most would agree that our past reunions have been outstanding. The effort that goes into putting on one of our reunions is enormous, but well worth it in the long run. Everyone's help is needed to keep our legacy alive.

**Raffle:** Grand Prize: 55" Smart High Definition LED Television. 2nd Prize, \$100.00 Gift Card, 3rd Prize, \$50.00 Gift Card. Tickets will be \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. For anyone wanting to sell some raffle tickets, contact me soonest.

**Bid Whist & Spades Tournaments:** Will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2022. Exact times have not been set just yet, but we are looking for a lot of pretenders who think they have a little game. Both games will require teams of two. Official rules are forthcoming. Monetary awards for the top teams of each tournaments.



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