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R&B Icon Charlie Wilson to Perform at Wind Creek Atmore

ATMORE, Ala. – (06/15/2018) Wind Creek Atmore (WCA) has yet another exciting concert on the books that you don't want to miss. Charlie Wilson will perform at the **WCA** Amphitheater on August 11 at 8pm.

Some people might say that after notching eleven No. 1 singles, 11 Grammy Award nominations, a New York Times best-selling memoir and ongoing sold-out, coast-to-coast arena tours, **Charlie Wilson** has proven his point....and he isn't planning to slow down anytime soon.

"I've been in this game for many years," reflects the Gap Band founder and solo star. "I've had some big hit records and sold a lot of records. But I need to still show people that I'm in it. It's championship time."

Wilson underscores that declaration with his latest album, *In It to Win It* (P Music Group/RCA, Feb. 17 2017) which was nominated for three 2018 NAACP Image Awards, Outstanding Male Artist, Outstanding Duo or Group Collaboration and Outstanding Album. The set boasts two number one singles which hit two different Billboard charts in April, 2018. "Chills" was #1 on the Adult R&B Songs chart and "I'm Blessed" ft. T.I. was #1 on the Hot Gospel Songs chart. This is the first time an artist has had two different #1 songs on these charts at the same time.

In addition, "I'm Blessed" was also nominated for a 2018 Billboard Top Gospel song and Wilson received a "Rhapsody & Rhythm" award from the National Museum of African American Music scheduled to open in Nashville in 2019.

Coinciding with the release of the album Wilson's *In It To Win It* national tour sold out arenas around the country. He is continuing to tour with upcoming dates in Europe and the U.S.

"**I'm Blessed**' says exactly where I am in my life, blessed to still be making music that people want to hear," says **Wilson**. "2018 has been a tough year for so many people around the world, so I'm proud to release a song to remind us that we can all find some blessings in our lives. And having T.I. bring his flavor, sharing who he is and how his journey is filled with blessings, is an added bonus."

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Before launching his solo career in 2000, Wilson racked up a string of hits in the late '70s and '80s as front man with the Gap Band. The pioneering R&B/funk group charted such frequently sampled classics as "Outstanding," "Yearning for Your Love," "Burn Rubber on Me," "You Dropped a Bomb on Me" and "Early in the Morning."

Wilson signed to Jive (now RCA) in 2004 after landing his first No. 1 Billboard Adult R&B hit in 2000, "Without You." Since then, he's released six solo albums and become a consistent chart presence. His tally of 19 hits boasts seven more Adult R&B No. 1s. Among them: "My Love Is All I Have," "You Are" and "There Goes My Baby." While garnering 11 Grammy nominations and other industry accolades, including BET's 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award, Wilson has stayed busy on the road, as he is a major concert draw, claiming the crown for top winter tour of 2015 with his Forever Charlie arena, or in the studio.

In the years between the Gap Band's heyday and his solo success, Wilson survived drug and alcohol addiction, homelessness and prostate cancer. He chronicled his odds-defying life and career in his 2015 best-selling autobiography, *I Am Charlie Wilson*. Sober now for 22 years, the singer says, "I wouldn't have believed I'd be where I am right now. That's why I shout every night because I thank God for allowing me to be here."

Wilson continues to perform to rave reviews at his concerts. If you haven't seen a Charlie Wilson show, this is a show you don't want to miss.

Tickets will go on sale June 18 and are available for purchase through ticketmaster.com or at Essentials Gift Shop inside **WCA**.

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About Wind Creek Hospitality

Wind Creek Hospitality is an authority of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Wind Creek Hospitality manages the Tribe's gaming facilities including: Wind Creek Atmore, Wind Creek Wetumpka, Wind Creek Montgomery, Wa She Shu Casino in Nevada as well as multiple racetracks in Alabama and Florida.

The Poarch Creek Indians are descendants of a segment of the original Creek Nation, which once covered almost all of Alabama and Georgia. Unlike many eastern Indian tribes, the Poarch Creeks were not removed from their tribal lands and have lived together for almost 200 years in and around the reservation in Poarch, Alabama. The reservation is located eight miles northwest of Atmore, Alabama, in rural Escambia County, and 57 miles east of Mobile.

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is the only federally recognized Indian Tribe in the state of Alabama, operating as a sovereign nation with its own system of government and bylaws. The Tribe operates a variety of economic enterprises, which employ hundreds of area residents.



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