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R&B singer Lizz Wright takes the outdoor stage this summer at the Wilson Center

Brookfield, WI (May 19, 2010) Southern singer-songwriter **Lizz Wright** brings the warmth and resonance of her gospel-trained contralto to the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts' Gerlach Outdoor Theater in Brookfield's Mitchell Park at **7:00 pm on Saturday, July 24**. Gates open at 5:30. Ticket prices are \$40 and \$15. **For more information or tickets call (262) 781-9520 or visit wilson-center.com.**

Lizz Wright's first two Verve releases, *Salt* and *Dreaming Wide Awake*, established her as one of the jazz world's most celebrated rising stars, both an accomplished songwriter and a versatile, deeply expressive singer. On her third album *The Orchard*, the Georgia-bred, New York-based artist takes a substantial leap forward transcending genre distinctions to deliver a vibrant, intensely creative milestone.

The largely self-penned *The Orchard* finds Wright mining her own experience to create an unmistakably personal musical statement. She crafts a distinct mixture of jazz, folk, gospel, R&B with such original compositions as "Coming Home," "My Heart," "Another Angel" and "When I Fall." Wright's interpretive skills are equally impressive on revelatory readings of the Ike and Tina Turner classic "I Idolize You," Sweet Honey in the Rock's "Hey Mann," the Led Zeppelin ballad "Thank You" and Patsy Cline's haunting "Strange."

Wright studied voice at Georgia State University in Atlanta, and continued her musical education at New York's New School and in Vancouver. Returning to Atlanta, she won considerable regional acclaim after joining the jazz group In the Spirit. In 2002, Wright gained high-profile acclaim for her performances as part of a touring Billie Holiday tribute, for which she was singled out as a future star by several prominent critics.

Tickets are \$40 Regular /\$15 Lawn; no pets, no carry-ins allowed. Rain or shine. Food vendors include North Star American Bistro, Haute Taco, Loaf & Jug, and Bella Caffè. Beer, wine, and other beverages are also available for purchase.

Photographs of Lizz Wright are available for print and web.

Attention Calendar Editors:

Lizz Wright

Gerlach Outdoor Theater at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts, Brookfield
Saturday, July 24, 2010 at 7:00 pm

Southern singer-songwriter Lizz Wright crafts a distinct mixture of jazz, folk, gospel, R&B, and is widely celebrated as a rising star. Gates open at 5:30, rain or shine. Tickets \$40 & \$15; call (262) 781-9520 or visit wilson-center.com.

The Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts is a non-profit, multi-disciplinary cultural arts center that offers performances by regional and touring groups, arts education, and an art gallery with changing exhibits. The Center nurtures lifelong learning through innovative programs and classes for all interests, ages, and abilities in state-of-the-art studios and classrooms. Some of Southeast Wisconsin's finest arts organizations offer professional instruction at the Wilson Center, including Danceworks, Inc., First Stage Theater Academy, and the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music. Wisconsin fine artists are showcased at the Hidden River Art Festival in September and in the Ploch Art Gallery with five exhibitions each year. **The Wilson Center for the Arts is just minutes west of Milwaukee, nestled in Brookfield's Mitchell Park south of 198th & Capitol Drive. For information about the Wilson Center call (262)781-9470.**

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