

Actress Vivica A. Fox and R&B Balladeer Howard Hewett To Highlight 2016 DNC Watch Party Celebrating the Black Vote



Philadelphia, PA – The city of Brotherly Love will declare more than liberty on **Tuesday, July 26, 2016** when a convergence of trendsetters, elected officials, labor and civil rights leaders descend upon the city and partake in the **DogonVillage.com 2016 Democratic National Convention (DNC) Watch Party**. Heralded as the ‘must attend’ side event of the Democratic Convention, “Independence Day: Resurgence” star, actress **Vivica A. Fox** will host the affair, alongside the Chair of the Darby Township Democratic Party, **Richard Womack Jr.** R&B’s smoothest balladeer, Grammy award winning singer, **Howard Hewett** will perform. Planned as a resounding “Celebration of the Black Vote,” there will be a special tribute to the dean of the civil rights movement, **Rev. Dr. Joseph E Lowery**, and **Samuel Staten Jr.**, vice president of LIUNA will also be honored.

The festivities will begin at **7:30 p.m.** and end at **12:30 a.m.** at **Penns Landing Caterers Ballroom, 1301 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd. in Philadelphia.**



Rev. Dr. Joseph E
Lowery

Confirmed attendance includes: **Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge (OH);** **Congresswoman Corrine Brown (FL);** **Chairman of the**

Congressional Black Caucus, Congressman, George "G. K." Butterfield (NC); Assistant Democratic Leader, Congressman James Clyburn (SC); Congressman David Scott (GA); woman's rights leader, **Melanie L. Campbell**; civil rights attorney, **Barbara Arnwine**; and a civil rights leader, **Rev. Jesse Jackson**.

Award-winning journalist, **Roland S. Martin** will bring his crew from **TV One's News One Now with Roland Martin** and **Joe Madison**. **The Black Eagle** will broadcast live from the event on **SiriusXM Urban View Ch 126** from **8 p.m. – 12 a.m.**



Samuel Staten Jr.

Ryan N. Boyer, business manager for Laborers' District Council of Philadelphia & Vicinity, the Presenting Sponsor of the Watch Party states, "It's an honor to celebrate those who fought for our right to vote, the hard-working individuals getting people to the polls, and most importantly, voters." **Boyer** continues, "We will also honor **Samuel Staten Jr.**, – who was recently appointed vice president of Laborers' International Union of North America – for his outstanding contribution to increasing Black voter participation."

Produced by **Edrea Davis**, the founder of DogonVillage.com, the oldest Black-oriented website focused on digital advocacy, the nonpartisan celebration will project a live stream from the convention floor so guests can assess how important issues related to the Black community are addressed. "Our civil rights leaders made huge sacrifices to make sure every citizen can vote. Their work created opportunities for people of color and women to become elected officials and led to the election of President Barack Obama. We are celebrating past leaders and those tenacious activists continuing to protect the right of all Americans to cast a ballot. We are thrilled to have Vivica A. Fox and Howard Hewett among this prestigious gathering of influential minds."

DNC Watch Party sponsors include: Laborers Local 332, Tri State Design Construction Company, and Transport Workers Union of America.

To join the celebration, become a sponsor, purchase a table or tickets, visit www.dogonvillage.com, email production@dogonvillage.com, or @dogonvillage on Twitter or Instagram, or call [770.961.6200](tel:770.961.6200).