

Tuxedo Does NPR's Tiny Desk Concert Series

Tuxedo took their turn doing NPR's Tiny Desk Concert series and performed a three-song setlist. *Tuxedo II* came out earlier this year and they have been on the road nonstop performing it. They are still on tour and you can buy tickets from their official [site](#).

Aretha Franklin & Tuxedo Captivate Detroit Music Weekend Crowds

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Aretha Franklin performed a free concert for Detroit Music Weekend this past Saturday for an eager crowd that did not mind waiting hours to see her under an 88-degree sun. Ms. Franklin arrived 41 minutes after her scheduled performance time of 6 PM as the audience patiently waited for what might have been her last concert. Jesse Jackson helped her to the stage as other members of her entourage made sure that her white gown stayed clean and in place as she walked up the stairs. She began her set with "I Knew You Were Waiting For Me" her 1986 hit duet with the late George Michael. After launching into "Do Right Woman, Do Right Man" from her classic Muscle Shoals era she gave a true to the recording performance of the Curtis Mayfield-penned "Hooked On Your Love" from

the *Sparkle* soundtrack.

At one point during the evening, Ms. Franklin took the time to acknowledge the many Detroit notables that were present including Mary Wilson of The Supremes, Å Freda Payne, boxing legend Tommy Hearns, singer Freda Payne, Vickie Winans and U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow.

Ms. Franklin was joined later by The Williams Brothers for a pure gospel interlude and the show was stopped for a short time to allow Mayor Duggan to present Franklin with the key to the city. After graciously receiving the honor Franklin resumed the show with a quick run of Adele's "Rolling In The Deep." She concluded her almost two-hour show with a grittier version of "Freeway Of Love." As she exited the stage, she asked the crowd to keep her in their prayers.

Mayor Hawthorne and Jake One took the stage as Tuxedo in the yellow tent soon after the clearing of the main stage.Å Their 40-minute set included dauntless performances of "So Good," "2nd Time Around" and "Fux With The Tux." The crowd knew the words to the songs and created an almost karaoke-like atmosphere. Jake One explained to the crowd how they were inspired by classic westÅ coast hip-hop sounds from Mac Dre to Dr. Dre when they were making their *Tuxedo II* album. Vocalist Gavin Turek, who duetted with Hawthorne on "Shine" also paid tribute to Detroit with a solo performance of Alicia Myers' "I Want To Thank You." Their short but sweet set left the audience satisfied but clearly ready for their next return to Detroit.

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Aretha Franklin To Headline Detroit Music Weekend With Free Concert



Aretha Franklin will headline the inaugural Detroit Music Weekend taking place June 8-11 in Detroit's Entertainment District. Franklin will give a free concert June 10th on the Madison Central Stage. Her performance will conclude a series of events honoring her including the renaming of Madison and Randolph Aretha Franklin Way and a dedication ceremony for her.

Tuxedo featuring Mayer Hawthorne and Jake One will also perform that night and DJ D-Nice will be in one of the tents to give a DJ set.

City Council President Brenda Jones and City Attorney Butch Hollowell spoke about the event and the hope to make it a long-term city festival during the press conference at the Music Hall today.

There will be a gala dinner, a Gospel Promenade and the R&B Music Hall Of Fame Induction Ceremony. Some of the events require tickets. For the full lineup and tickets check out the event's [official site](#).



Detroit City Council President Brenda Jones &
City Attorney Butch Hollowell At Detroit Music
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Tuxedo Releases 7-Inch Single Thank You For Record Store Day

[youtube id="-qT9e4WMsJo"] Tuxedo is showing gratitude to their fans and supporters with the release of the 7-inch ["Thank You"](#) 45 for Record Store Day. Mayer Hawthorne and Jake One just released their sophomore Tuxedo album and will tour it this summer. "Thank You" sounds like a compact tribute to Rick James's Stone City Band. Find your participating record store for this Saturday, April 22nd [here](#).