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## **To Soothe the Soul: Concerts to Benefit Union Baptist Church February 20, 2014 Concert at 7:30 pm Features Niki Haris**

The Union Baptist Church Restoration Committee is pleased to present “To Soothe the Soul: Concerts to Benefit Union Baptist Church.” The three-concert series continues on February 20, 2014 at 7:30 pm. The concerts will take place at Union Baptist Church, which is located at 1104 Greene Street. The February 20 concert features jazz vocalist Niki Haris. Haris is developing a one-woman show reflecting her life and music post-Madonna and since moving to Augusta. She previews “Soul of a Woman” here.

Proceeds benefit the Union Baptist Church Restoration Fund, which has been used to provide bricks and mortar restoration and operating support to the church since 1997. The oldest part of the building dates to 1851 when it was built as a mission of First Presbyterian Church. During the Civil War, it was used to teach Sunday School to slaves and free blacks. After being a black Methodist Church for a time, the building was acquired by the Union Baptist Church congregation in 1883. In 1888 the building was completely remolded and enlarged in the Carpenter Gothic style according to designs provided by the architectural firm of MacMurphey and Story.

Tickets are \$15 per concert. Visit the Bee's Knees at 211 Tenth Street for food and drink specials on concert days from 5-7 pm. For tickets and more information, call 706-724-0436 or visit [www.historicaugusta.org](http://www.historicaugusta.org).

The final concert in this series will take place on April 17, 2014 at 7:30 pm and will feature local legend Marilyn Adcock. The first concert in the series took place on October 24, 2013 and featured Skilyr Hicks. This concert series is made possible by a grant from The Porter Fleming Foundation and media support received from The Augusta Chronicle.