

Name: Noah Bell (aka LiL SouL) <--- Note the Lettering
Age : 14 (for another month)
Grade: 8th
Musician: Alto and Tenor Saxophone

A little about Noah:

Noah attends Progress Village Middle Magnet School of the Arts. He previously played the Harp in elementary, changing to the Alto Sax in 6th grade. Recently, in the last 2 months, he began playing the Tenor Sax. Like many kids, there is usually something better to do than school work. For Noah, that something has been music. It's the one thing he doesn't need to be told to do.

Noah's passion has been increasing more and more since August 2009 when he performed for his day camp in the summer end talent show. After being received very well, Noah put his focus into improving his musical ear. Eight months later, with drive and growth, Noah was the first of three acts to play the main stage at Winthrop Art Festival.

After being chosen, by Music Showcase, to perform at this year's 2nd Annual Arts Festival at Winthrop, Noah was nervous. It was going to be his first time performing in front of more than just classmates and their parents. This was an opportunity for Noah to showcase his talent, be recognized, network, and shine. That happened... slowly.

Not too many Jazz fans came out to see an unknown at 3:30pm May 1st, in the heat of the day with no shade. As one ticket buyer stated "Who's that?" when he was told who else would be performing. With the exception of a few friends and family, the sound crew, and an unknown couple the performance was intimate. However, there was an unseen listener that would make the day a glowing success for Noah.

When Belinda Womack stepped on stage to introduce Christie Lenee, Noah was surprised! Belinda had spoke to Noah earlier in evening, giving him praise for his performance. Noah made it a point to apologize to her later for not knowing who she was when they spoke earlier. Through further conversation Belinda found out that Noah was a Music Showcase contest winner. She then invited him to the stage, before announcing Eric Darius, to congratulate and him publicly. When asked if he had anything he wanted to say, Noah gave thanks for the opportunity and stated "Keep me on your radar because this won't be that last that you see of me!"

What a day.

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