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After a successful performance in February 2009, the quartet returned to the library

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Wilmington Memorial Library was busier than a usual Friday night last night as it welcomed the Athene Wilson Quartet. Those who purchased tickets were treated to a night of Athene Wilson's vocals while enjoying cheesecake in the dimly lit library.



Wilson performed at the library in February of 2009, and was well-received. The library invited her quartet back for a December 3 performance this year.

"I was very happy to come back," Wilson said. "This is a great crowd."

She especially liked the venue, as the library is a perfect, intimate setting for her jazz, soul and easy listening music.

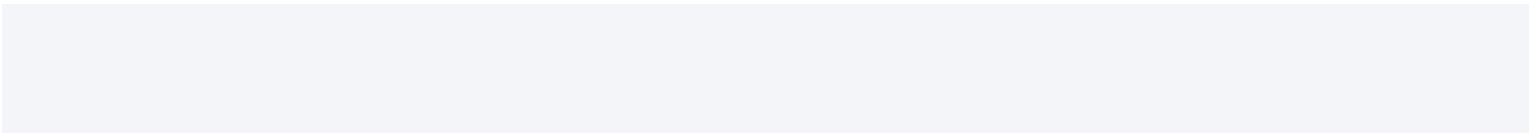
"It was a nice venue last year, because it was around Valentine's Day. This time I'll be able to play some holiday songs."

Wilson has been having an eventful year. Her debut album, "It's About Time," was released earlier this year. It includes several classics, including a cover of "At Last," and original songs co-written by Wilson. A newborn baby, her second child, has also been keeping her busy.

Her music career began early, in Jamaica. By age 7 she was singing in a choir, though she didn't begin singing professionally until her 20s. Since then she's been playing shows around Boston and touring Europe. Depending on the venue she may enlist the help of a quartet or other musicians.

Friday evening's quartet included Rollins Ross on keyboard, Daniel Day on bass, and Bruce Owens on drums. The quartet opened sans Wilson for the first two songs. Wilson then joined them, and her smooth, powerful voice provided a nice ambiance for the remainder of the evening. She performed songs from her new album as well as classics such as "Funny Valentine."

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