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Jasmine Guy and daughter Imani at the Trumpets

"WE DON'T HAVE NOTHIN' LIKE THIS IN NEW YORK. THIS IS AN ATLANTA SPECIAL."

ALICIA KEYS, MARVELING AT THE AUDIENCE COOKING OUT-ON BURNERS!—DURING HER PERFORMANCE



Fonzworth Bentley at the Trumpets

"SHAKE IT LIKE A POLAROID PICTURE!"

ALICIA KEYS MIMICKING ATLANTA-BASED RAPPERS OUTKAST DURING HER PERFORMANCE



Alicia Keys wows the crowd at Chastain.

TRUMPETING JAZZ

No trumpets flared upon entry as in previous years, but the 2005 **Trumpet Awards** red carpet packed all the gaudiness and glamour of a Hollywood premiere. A-town A-listers, including comedian Chris Tucker, former mayor Andrew Young, V-103 radio personalities Frank Ski and Ryan Cameron, along with P. Diddy's famous former manservant Fonzworth Bentley, turned out to attend the annual ceremony honoring African-American achievement. The honorees included Mayor Shirley Franklin, singer Nancy Wilson, comedian/social activist Dick Gregory, Rev. T.D. Jakes, Bishop Eddie Long and hair care magnate Joe Louis Dudley. President Lyndon B. Johnson, who signed the 1964 Civil Rights Act into law, was honored posthumously. Hands-down, awardees Venus and Serena Williams caused the biggest red carpet ruckus when they arrived with their reality TV show crew in tow, wireless mics tucked into the back of their designer gowns. Dick Gregory's poignant acceptance speech proved to be a major highlight, with the low light of the evening awardee Beyonce's unexpected absence. ★ When songstress Alicia Keys took to the Chastain Park amphitheatre stage for an **Atlanta Jazz Festival** kickoff performance, die-hard fans of the nine-time Grammy winner braved *falling* raindrops as she cruised through a medley of her popular songs, including her debut hit "Fallin'." Perhaps it was the wine, but sporadic drizzling didn't seem to bother the appreciative concertgoers, who danced in the aisles and sent the chanteuse off with a standing ovation. —CHANDRA R. THOMAS



Emmanuel Lewis at the Trumpets

"SHE'S A DIVA, I'M A DIVA. WE LOVE WORKING IT OUT!"

FORMER APPRENTICE STAR OMAROSA MANIGAUULT-STALLWORTH, ON HER FRIENDSHIP WITH AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL WINNER EVA PIGFORD



Serena and Venus Williams, on the red carpet at the Trumpet Awards

"MY WIFE AND I HAVE BEEN MARRIED 42 YEARS. DON'T CLAP— SHE SAID, IF YOU EVER LEAVE ME I WILL HURT YOU. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT Y'ALL BUT HURT WILL KEEP A MAN HOME."

COMEDIAN/ACTIVIST DICK GREGORY ACCEPTING HIS 2005 TRUMPET AWARD



Musiq performs at the Atlanta Jazz Festival kickoff.

ATLANTA JAZZ FESTIVAL: SHEILA PREE BRIGHT