Andrews University freshman Alicia Dent is opening for ten-time GRAMMY Award-winning vocal group Take 6 at Habitat for Humanity’s upcoming benefit concert. The concert will take place on Saturday, September 19, at 7 p.m. at the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center in Taylor, Michigan, near Detroit.

Dent, who is from Canton, Michigan, recorded her first series of songs on 3ABN Christian Broadcasting Network when she was 6 years old.

“I’ve been interested in music all my life,” she says. “My earliest memories are of singing the song for children’s story every week at church.” A talented and accomplished musician, she can play multiple musical instruments—including the piano, flute, clarinet, guitar and violin.

Dent attended the prestigious Interlochen Center for the Arts during the summer of 2014, where she received scholarships from the Our Own Thing Musical Instruction Program, among other donors. Her study at Interlochen consisted of weekly piano lessons, as well as participating in collaborative piano. While there, she took jazz piano and beginning composition, which helped cement her interest in the musical arts. Dent’s experience also led her to pursue her passion at Andrews University, where she now studies music performance.
Her appreciation of Andrews University’s music program originated when she attended music performances hosted by Andrews University when she was in ninth grade.

“I really liked what I saw and heard,” she says. “I felt as if I wasn’t getting something that was just good for an Adventist institution—but something that was good overall.”

In addition to the music program, Dent enjoys the beauty of the Andrews campus and the excitement that the University’s diversity provides. Worship choices are also important to her, as she enjoys the musical aspects of worshipping with others. As a member of University Singers, Dent enjoys singing at Pioneer Memorial Church, and looks forward to each performance.

Dent received the offer to open for the benefit concert due to her previous volunteering with Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County. She has provided the music for many of their groundbreaking ceremonies and their annual gala. At the benefit concert, Dent will be showcasing her skills as the opener for Take 6—including performing a single she wrote and co-produced with her brother.

Take 6 is a critically acclaimed vocal group that holds the distinct honor of being the most GRAMMY-nominated vocal group in history. They represent a unique sound, combining elements of gospel, jazz, R&B and pop music. Gospel Music Hall of Fame inductee Take 6 has won 10 GRAMMY Awards, 10 Dove Awards and a Soul Train Award, as well as two NAACP Image Awards. They have collaborated with many music icons including Stevie Wonder and Whitney Houston, resulting in numerous recordings and singles.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian ministry that builds with people in need regardless of race or religion. Habitat for Humanity welcomes volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds. To learn more about how you can support Habitat for Humanity, visit habitat.org. To purchase tickets for the Take 6 concert, visit detroit.eventful.com and search for Take 6.

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