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Spencertown Academy Roots & Shoots Concerts Series Presents
The Wanda Houston Band

Spencertown, New York– Spencertown Academy Roots & Shoots Concerts Series presents the Wanda Houston Band on Saturday, December 4 at 8:00pm. For Covid safety, proof of vaccination will be required for attendance, seating will be distanced and limited, and masks will be required for audience members while in the building. The Academy has installed Blue Pure 211+ air filters in the auditorium. General admission tickets (\$20 public, \$15 Academy members, and \$10 students) must be purchased in advance via www.spencertownacademy.org.

“I have known Wanda for many years, and have seen her perform dozens of times. She always presents with grace in a multitude of styles. You always leave her shows smiling, and feeling like she's your best friend,” says Rob Fisch, member of the Academy’s Music Committee.

With their dynamic blend of classic jazz, R&B, adult contemporary, and rock, the Wanda Houston Band is one of the most popular musical groups in the Berkshires. Vocal stylist Houston leads the quartet in fresh takes on standards, ranging from Fitzgerald to Sinatra, Aretha to Sam Cook, and the Beatles to Jackson 5. They recently celebrated their 10th anniversary with the release of their first album, “Lucky So & So,” which showcases their arrangements from the Great American Songbook and music of the Temptations and Gladys Knight and the Pips. In addition to songstress Houston, the group features Rob Kelly on keyboard/bass/vocals, and Jeff Stevens on horns/vocals.

Roots & Shoots Streams Concerts is a series that showcases artists who reach back to earlier traditions in music (Americana, jazz, blues, rock, and world music) for inspiration,

while incorporating more recent forms and influences of the present.

Founded in 1972, Spencertown Academy Arts Center is a cultural center and community resource serving Columbia County, the Berkshires, and the Capital region. Housed in a landmark 1847 Greek Revival schoolhouse, the Academy is located at 790 State Route 203 in Spencertown, New York. For more information, please contact info@spencertownacademy.org.