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## **Foundation For The Carolinas and Charlotte Center City Partners Co-Host Exclusive Sneak Peek of Season Finale of Oprah Winfrey Network's "Delilah"** *Community invited to join virtually; OWN series filmed and set in Charlotte*

CHARLOTTE, NC – Foundation For The Carolinas and Charlotte Center City Partners will co-host an exclusive virtual sneak peek of the season finale of "Delilah" – a production of the Oprah Winfrey Network that was filmed and set in Charlotte – on April 22, 7-8:30 p.m.

Viewers must register in advance to watch: [uptowncharlotte.com/Delilah](http://uptowncharlotte.com/Delilah). The finale will air on OWN five days later – 9 p.m., Tuesday, April 27, and features cameo appearances from well-known local leaders.

Following the sneak peek on April 22, there will be a season finale "wrap-up show" moderated by WBAV radio personality Janine Davis and featuring "Delilah" stars Maahra Hill and Jill Marie Jones, director/executive producer Charles Randolph-Wright (from nearby York, SC) and Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles. Charlotte City Council Member Braxton Winston, FFTC President and CEO Michael Marsicano and Charlotte Center City Partners President and CEO Michael Smith will also make special appearances.

"Delilah," the original drama series from "Greenleaf" creator Craig Wright – who serves as executive producer alongside Randolph-Wright and Oprah Winfrey – stars Hill ("Black-ish," "How to Get Away With Murder") as Delilah Connolly, a headstrong, highly principled lawyer living in Charlotte. The show also stars Jones ("Girlfriends"), Susan Heyward ("Orange is the New Black") and Ozioma Akagha (Marvel's "Runaways").

"Charlotte is such a progressive city," said Hill, who plays Delilah. "So, it's got this modern feel with Southern hospitality. I loved the people most of all and look forward to returning!"

"I've been to the lovely City of Charlotte a couple of times throughout my years, and this time, while filming Delilah, did not disappoint," said Jones, who plays Tamara. "The love that I have for this city has just grown. Aesthetically, it's gorgeous, and the people are incredibly kind. Thank you for welcoming me, and thank you for sharing your home with us."

The Charlotte Regional Film Commission, a division of the Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority, reported film-related spending in the Charlotte region reached more than \$20 million in FY20.

"'Delilah' has been a wonderful showcase for Charlotte, and we are grateful the producers captured the vibrancy of our city, spotlighting our diversity and culture," said Marsicano. "From local restaurants and businesses, local artists and the art they created, and local actors and musicians – 'Delilah' captured the essence of Charlotte like no production before."

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“Charlotte has played such an incredible role as the host to film and television productions over the years – from ‘Thunder Road’ to ‘Shallow Hal,’ ‘Homeland’ to ‘Delilah,’” said Charlotte Center City Partners President and CEO Michael Smith. “Creators like Charles Randolph-Wright offer us a platform to share the Charlotte we love with the world while increasing opportunities for creatives who call this community home. I am excited about the bright future the film industry has here.”

To register, visit: [uptowncharlotte.com/Delilah](http://uptowncharlotte.com/Delilah). Participants will be emailed a link to view on the day of the sneak peek.

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#### About Foundation For The Carolinas

Founded in 1958, Foundation For The Carolinas is the sixth-largest nonprofit community foundation in the country, serving donors and a broad range of charitable purposes in North and South Carolina. With assets of nearly \$3 billion, FFTC’s mission is to inspire philanthropy and empower individuals to create a better community. Visit [www.ftc.org](http://www.ftc.org).

#### About Charlotte Center City Partners

Charlotte Center City Partners boldly envisions and activates strategies and actions that will assure Charlotte Center City is a welcoming and equitable, economically vibrant, culturally rich and beloved place for all. For more information, please visit [www.charlottecentercity.org](http://www.charlottecentercity.org).

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