

LEXINGTON, N.C. — Whether a fan of country Elvis, gospel Elvis or rock 'n' roll Elvis, you'll hear your favorite style at the "Elvis Back in Lexington" show on Oct. 5 at the Edward C. Smith Civic Center. The concert features two versions of Elvis and a gospel quartet.

Elvis Presley himself made an unexpected appearance in Lexington at the YMCA in 1956, which set up a return by "The King" three years ago when the Broadway-style tour "Elvis '56" stopped in Lexington to commemorate his original tour. That show sold out, prompting locals to beg for more Elvis.

With those fans in mind, Lexington tourism director Robin Bivens decided to resurrect the King once again. The Oct. 5 event will be headlined by Travis Powell, a well-known Elvis tribute artist and Shelby native. Powell won national Elvis tribute contests in 2013 and 2016, and is currently the Elvis in residence at Legends in Concert in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Powell will showcase the King's music — and look — from the era of Elvis' famous 1968 comeback into the 1970s.

Opening for Powell is Taylor Vaden, a 30-year-old native of nearby King. Vaden will portray a younger Elvis and will be joined by his band, Memphis Thunder.

"People never get tired of Elvis," Bivens says. "There's such a following. And whether you're a true Elvis fan or not, it's a fun atmosphere. The fans really get into it."

In keeping with Elvis' tradition of often beginning concerts with a gospel quartet, Carolina Quartet takes the stage first.

"We wanted this to be as authentic as possible to an original Elvis show," Bivens says.

Doors open at 6 p.m.; concert starts at 7 p.m. Ticket prices for general admission and reserved seating range from \$25 to \$59. A limited number of VIP tickets are available for \$95 and include priority seating, a meet-and-greet reception with the entertainers prior to the concert, and food and drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic). To purchase tickets, go to www.VisitLexingtonNC.com.

The show takes place in the heart of uptown Lexington. To explore shopping, dining and lodging options in the area, visit the website or call (866) 604-2389.

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