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Mattison Wilcox to appear 'In The Spotlight'

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By Eileen Shomo

Mattison Wilcox has always known she wanted a singing career and for the past two years has taken serious steps to make that happen.



Mattison Wilcox performing at the Grand Opera in Wilmington, DE.

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Mattison is one of the acts selected to be "In the Spotlight" finale competition at The Grand Opera House in Wilmington, Del., on April 25.

Mattison, a former Garnet Valley Schools student, is 17-years-old and is a junior at Commonwealth Connections Academy, a free online cyber school where she takes the standard high school classes, such as Honors English, Psychology and others and is excelling in her school work, as well as her aspiring career.

Mattison was selected for the finale of the "Spotlight" competition after her performance of Whitney Houston's "I Have Nothing" on Feb. 26.

"Doing school online allows me to further my career because I am able to do my school work on the way to auditions, lessons and songwriting/recording sessions with producers, etc.," she said. "I am able to focus all of my attention on my career once I complete my school work."

Mattison said she is able to learn and comprehend her assignments quickly because she is an gifted student "making everything run smoothly."

The aspiring singer said her parents, Alice and Box Wilcox, are happy with the concept of online schooling, noting that her grades are better than ever, mostly A's and a few B's.

Mattison said the cyber school allows her to learn at her own pace, something that was difficult for her in a traditional school setting.

"My parents also love the flexibility that online school provides, because they believe in my talent and passion for singing and they see how hard I work towards my

singing goals," she said.

Mattison has a singing coach, Sal Dupree, who was a member of the 60s Du-Wop Group, The Duprees. **Continued...**

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