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## FOLK SOUL HERO W. ELLINGTON FELTON RELEASES FIRST NATIONAL CD

**OUTROSPECTIVE**  
**ME THEN, ME NOW**

Release Date:  
Sept. 26, 2006

Washington, D.C. September 25, 2006-GPM Records (Genesis Poets Music) hosted a CD release party for Felton's *Outrospective* at Blues Alley. An additional release party was hosted by Raheem Vaughn and held Sept. 27 at the Play Lounge on Connecticut Ave.



Washington, D.C.-W. Ellington Felton has recorded many albums as an indie artist, but has recently signed to the GPM label, distributed by Malaco Music Group. His debut release features hit songs from past indie projects as well as new cuts.

Felton is no stranger to the stage. He grew up beside father, Hilton Felton, famed jazz pianist and, tapping into his musical roots, became a musician to support himself.

A self-proclaimed revolutionary, Felton was encouraged to find a niche that would allow him to express his ideas while at Carnegie Mellon University. His decision? Major in Theatre. Influenced by Shakespeare, much of Felton's music takes a sonnet-like shape and he raps about important issues in the political and personal arenas of life. He also expresses himself through art and poetry while continuing to find the spotlight on theatre stages in the East.

In the music arena, Felton rubs shoulders with the big cats in the business, writing for Chris Rock, sharing the stage with Mos Def, De La Soul, Meshell Ndegecello and mentor UK Soul Legend Omar, but his ideal is to keep things real for his fans and family. In an interview with *Complex Magazine*, he states, "... I wanna make a living not break a living. I wanna be able to feed myself and feed people. It's kind of like taking my art and it's a sandwich and one half is for you and the other is for me and that's it."

NATIONAL TOP 40 SOUTHERN SOUL/SOUL BLUES ALBUMS				
NOW	WAS	SONG	ARTIST	LABEL
1	5	Here Kitty Kitty	Billy "Soul" Bonds	Waldoxy
4	4	Throwback Days	Mel Waiters	Waldoxy
10	6	Full Circle	Willie Clayton	Malaco
15	23	What's Life Without Love	Larome Powers	Waldoxy
26	22	Simply Soul	Vick Allen	Waldoxy
37	40	No Doubt	Floyd Taylor	Malaco

MALACO ARTISTS DOMINATE BLUESCRITIC.COM RADIO CHARTS, SEPTEMBER 2006				
NOW	WAS	SONG	ARTIST	LABEL
1	3	Here Kitty Kitty	Billy "Soul" Bonds	Waldoxy
2	4	Throw Back Days	Mel Waiters	Waldoxy
7	9	Shake & Shimmy	Larome Powers	Waldoxy
12	7	Going Crazy	Willie Clayton	Malaco
23	31	Can We Talk	Willie Clayton	Malaco
25	15	Creepin' Ain't Easy	Vick Allen	Waldoxy

