Xavier Contact: Regi Reyes (504) 520-5240 | <u>rreyes@xula.edu</u>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Xavier University of Louisiana, the , was gifted brand-new band uniforms during Spring Waltz celebrating j # o

New Orleans, La – On Saturday evening, April 15, 2023, a most exhilarating affair was held on the campus of Xavier University of Louisiana. Hundreds of students from Xavier's other sister Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) attended a waltz sponsored by streaming giant Netflix celebrating the upcoming premiere of "Queen Charlotte: A Bridgerton Story." A prequel to "Bridgerton," one of Netflix's most popular series, "Queen Charlotte" follows the young Black queen's rise to prominence and power. Attendees wore their most elegant fashions and were treated to iHeartRadio personality and songwriter Sheba Songz as the MC and guest performances by the all-female Original Pinettes sponsored by the amiogleand Down 20, (High Boogd a (M)) (a (1)) (a (1)) (b (1)) (b

Later in the evening, Big Freedia performed her recently released "Bridgerton" themed "<u>Hey Queen</u>" New Orleans Bounce Remix and several of her other signature songs. Earlier this week, Netflix and Shondaland<u>announced a remix</u> to the Strong Black Lead "Hey Queen" series featuring Big Freedia's <u>special bounce remix</u>.

The evening's celebration took place on and around a floral circular stage rendered from the crown Queen Charlotte wears in the show. The 20-foot-tall crown weighed over 2000 lbs. and had over 1,600 intricate beads as well as 160 metal-cut flowers.

Centered on Queen Charlotte's rise to prominence and power, this prequel in the "Bridgerton" universe tells the story of how the young queen's marriage to King George sparked both a great love story and a societal shift, creating the world of the Ton inherited by the characters in "Bridgerton." "Queen Charlotte: A Bridgerton Story" launches globally on May 4 only on Netflix.

Click here to view a video of the event and here to download pictures.