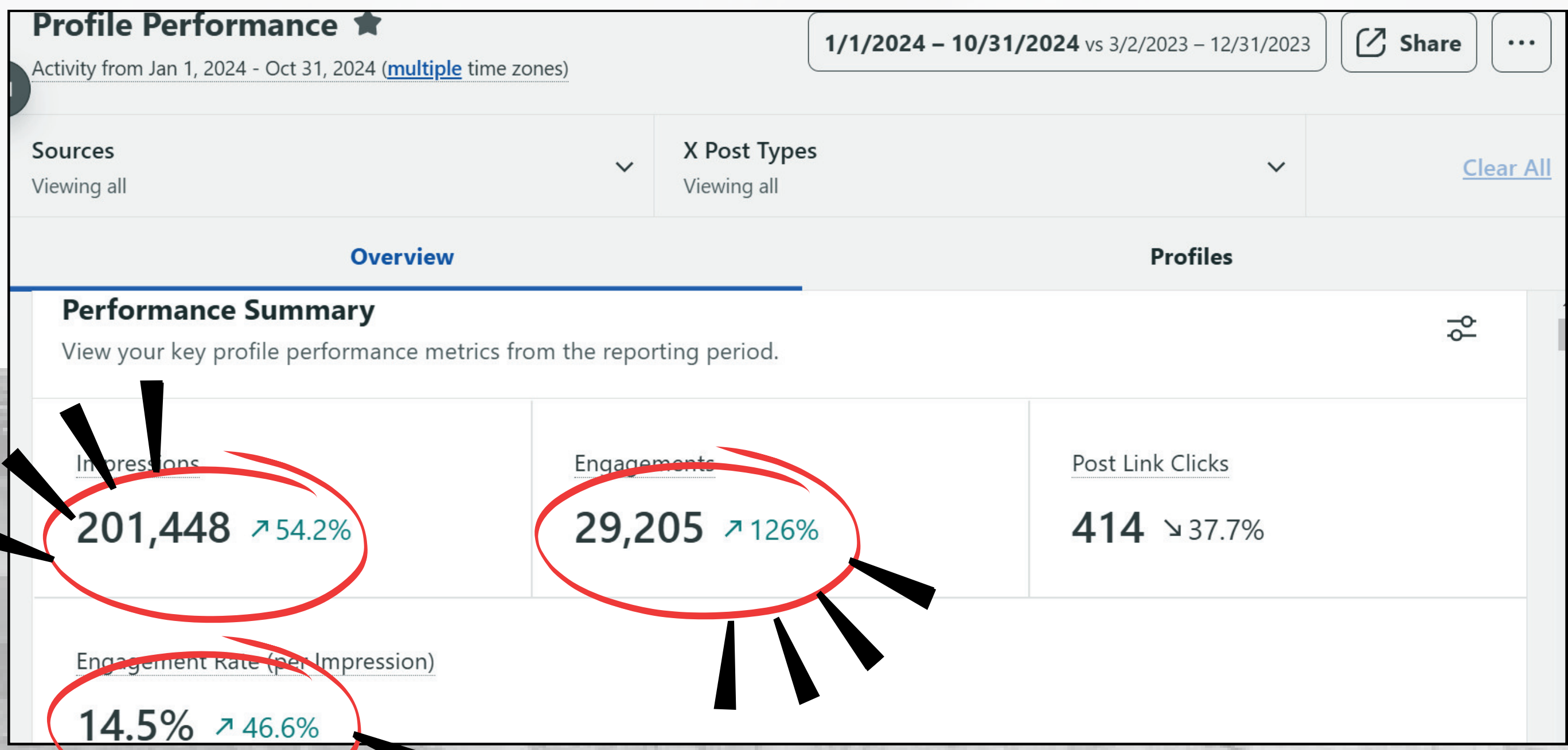


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Touted as North Carolina's oldest-running nightclub, the Scorpio Lounge opened in 1968 on South Boulevard. At some point in the early to mid 1970s, the club moved to its current location at 2301 Freedom Drive, where it has been a mainstay of Charlotte's LGBTQ+ community. Past performers include R.E.M., Grace Jones, Claudja Barry, and several cast members from RuPaul's Drag Race. Developmental pressures caused the club to close in November 2023 while the owners search for a new location.

Historic Landmarks staff continues to research this significant property for potential historic landmark designation. If you have historical information on this property, let us know: <https://meck.co/3egeM62>

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#OnThisDay in 2021, the Stough-Cornelius/Potts Barber Shop was designated as a local historic landmark.

This ca. 1923 building was constructed by the Stough-Cornelius Company, whose original shareholders included town founder R.J. Stough and town namesake J.B. Cornelius. It once served as the headquarters for the Cornelius Electric Membership Corporation, which was the town's first electric cooperative.

Since 1960, this has been the site of the Potts Barber Shop, generally regarded as the oldest ongoing business continuously owned or operated by an African American entrepreneur in Cornelius, and in 1972, it became the town's first racially integrated barber shop. The building is also notable for its longstanding role as a prominent center of social activity for the town's male population, and for its 60-year association with the family of Wilson Henry Potts, an early civic leader of the Smithville community, one of the oldest African American communities in north Mecklenburg County.

The Stough-Cornelius/Potts Barber Shop is located at 21324 and 21328 Catawba Avenue, Cornelius. For more on its history: <https://meck.co/3a5fjff>

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