

PRESS RELEASE

Cynthia Holiday to Host

Jazz in the Sanctuary

Saturday, Feb. 24th 4-6 pm @ Shiloh Baptist Church



Cynthia Holiday, jazz and blues song stylist, will host the premiere performance of the 2018 Jazz in the Sanctuary series. Ms. Holiday's gifted vocals and natural inclination for jazz is attributed to her upbringing in Newark where music filled her home on any given day. Her stepfather, trumpeter Calvin Hughes, was a band leader and performed with such jazz greats as Count Basie, Frank Foster, Clark Terry and Eddie "Lockjaw" Davis. Since the release of her debut album, "All The Way", on the Miles High Records Label, Ms. Holiday has made new fans and friends in the US and internationally. Most recently she served as judge in the Asian Dreams Jazz Vocal

Competition followed by a performance with the TS Monk Septet in Osaka, Japan. WBGO Jazz88 FM host Sheila Anderson says: "Cynthia seeks to continue the tradition of jazz women who sing the blues, a style that has become a lost art among vocalists. I hear the humor of Helen Humes, the soul of Ernestine Anderson, the warm timber of Nancy Wilson and the storytelling of Marlena Shaw, but make no mistake, what you hear is pure Cynthia Holiday."

The concert, "Spiritual Impressions" featuring pianist James Weidman, is also a CD release party. Other featured artists are: Ruth Naomi Floyd -Vocals; Anthony E. Nelson, Jr. - Reeds; Beldon Bullock - Bass; and Tony Jefferson - Drums. The concert will take place at 4 pm on Saturday, Feb 24, 2018 in the sanctuary of Shiloh Baptist Church, 515 W. 4th St. Plainfield, NJ. There is no admission charge, but there will be a freewill offering. For more information call (908) 754-3353 or go to www.shilohplainfield.org.