




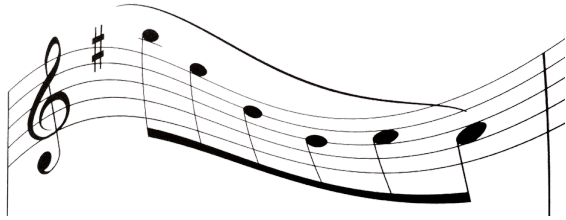
Songs
in the Key of
“A”



September 24, 2023 - 6:00 PM
The Legendary Ford Hall
621 King Arnold Street
East Point, GA



What's It All About?



Realizing that music changes everything,
Dr. Alonia Parks (also affectionately and simply
known as Dr. Alonia) presents
SONGS IN THE KEY OF “A”,
a musical concert wherein she sings
some of her favorite songs.

The evening is filled with a beautiful blend of
R&B, Smooth Jazz, Neo-Soul and Gospel
in honor of her birthday.

The ultimate goal is to spread
love, joy and peace
through the art of music.



Run of Show

Opening / Greetings

Taylor Parks

Set 1

Special Acknowledgements

Set 2

A Word from Dr. Alonia

The Birthday Song

Let's Eat & Party!



GWEN MASON
Mistress of Ceremonies

Music has always been an integral part of who Dr. Alonia Parks is. A native of Atlanta, GA, she was born and raised in the Baptist church; Greater Bethany Baptist Church, to be exact, under the leadership of Rev. William Price King and Rev. Dr. Curtis L. Lester. In her later adult years, she served on the Praise and Worship team at Love Life Christian Fellowship Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Grace C. Washington.

In school, Dr. Alonia participated in the chorus, talent shows and pageants. Her musical mentors were Greta Glenn (Harper Elementary School), Dianne Mayfield (Bass High School) and Dr. Roland Allison (Spelman College).

When Dr. Alonia's parents discovered their child was vocally gifted, they enrolled her in the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center where she passed the audition to sing with the Young Singers of Callanwolde. The director, Stephen Ortlip, inquired of Mr. and Mrs. Parks, "Where did such a little girl get such a big voice?"

As Alonia got older, she continued to sing in weddings, funerals, and other grand affairs. She is excited about her gift of song and is willing to go wherever it takes her.

dralonia.com



DR. ALONIA
Event Headliner

Amazing Talent

Gwendolyn Mason is the mother of three thriving young adults, Milan, Jordan, and Jacob. She is a Hall of Famer, author, motivational speaker, community advocate and presiding Pastor of Solid Rock Ministries. She is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Stewart Foundation, a youth-leadership development program and President/CEO of GABB Enterprise, a multi-dimensional communications company committed to making a change to our community through transforming customer relationships.

She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc. where she has served on the National Board and currently serves on the Board of DREF. She has served as the Executive Director for the “Walk Against the Call,” a breast-cancer walk, where she raised over \$100,000 in monetary and in-kind donations, which is now the “Pink Ribbon Walk”.



GWEN MASON
Mistress of Ceremonies

Amazing Talent

Jody Mayfield is a highly regarded Jazz virtuoso. He honed his musical skills at Morris Brown College where he received a B.A. in Music Performance and a Master's degree in Music Technology from Southern Utah University. He is a highly renowned musician, professor and Jazz recording artist who has also performed with Dizzy Gillespie, Grover Washington, Jr., Jermaine Dupri, Organized Noise, and Lionel Hampton, among others. His work has also transcended to the film and television industry.

jodymayfield.com



JODY MAYFIELD
Music Director

Amazing Talent

Lady LaDonna is an accomplished professional who has flourished in a career of Marketing and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, as well as the R&B and Gospel industries. She has been serving for 29+ years with the Praise & Worship Arts and Ministerial Alliance Leaders at New Birth Missionary Baptist Church. Lady LaDonna is 4x bestselling author and serves as CEO of BridgePointe Media & Entertainment, LLC and BridgePointe Evangelistic Ministries.

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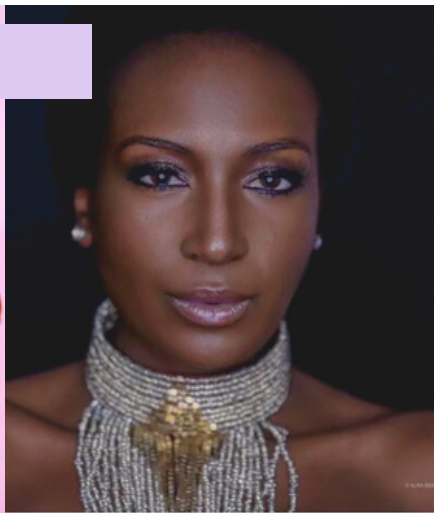


LADY LADONNA
Vocal Director

Amazing Talent

Viktoria Vennice has excited audiences all over the world with her high energy, quick wit and dynamic jazzy vocal ability. Along with performing all over the United States, Viktoria Vennice has also had nightly residencies in Bangkok, Thailand, Singapore and Marrakesh, Morocco just to name a few. Opening for R&B superstars Tank and Tyrese and having had a cameo appearance on ABC's "Scandal" and her own 30-minute segment on TV One/BET's "Game of Dating".

viktoriavennice.com



VIKTORIA VENNICÉ
Bodacious BGV

Amazing Talent

Calandra Gantt is a seasoned Gospel recording artist and songwriter with over 30 years of experience in the music industry. She is one of the CEOs of BlueMile Music Consultants, LLC, a company geared toward helping indie artists and setting a different standard in the industry. She is set to drop her new single, He's Good (The Remix) on September 29, 2023. Calandra's prayer is to sow into other artists and help them elevate their craft. Her desire is that when you leave her presence, you are inspired and encouraged through music.

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media platforms.**



CALANDRA GANTT
Dynamic BGV

Amazing Talent

J. Renee is a recording artist, singer, and songwriter/writer who is known for having a smooth, sweet, and powerful sound. She has sung for major producers such as Kurt Carr, Keith Andes, Ricky Jones, and Babyface. She has been praise and worship leader, and sung in numerous choirs since age four. J. Renee is a versatile vocalist with a dynamic range.

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J. Renee
Soulful BGV

Amazing Talent

Jamie Serwa has 15 years of experience as a BGV. She's not just a singer; she's a vocal artist. Singing is the passion for which she lives. She's the singer that will always make you smile. Born and raised in the church - where she started singing at the age of 5 - she is humble in all that she does. She also sang in middle and high school chorus, numerous concert choirs, church mass choirs and more, and she's still singing!! Her motto is, "Sing like there's no one listening, love like you'll never be hurt, dance like nobody's watching, and live like it's heaven on earth. Singing is the language of the soul!"

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**Jamie Serwa'
Sultry BGV**

Amazing Talent

Brenda Joy is a devoted choir enthusiast with over 20 years of singing experience. While most of her time has been dedicated to gospel music's soulful sounds, she also has a deep appreciation for various music genres. Her melodious voice has delighted audiences in diverse choirs, spreading happiness wherever she sings. BrendaJoy firmly believes in the enchantment of voices harmonizing to craft beautiful music. Beyond singing, BrendaJoy enjoys sharing her love for choir music, and cherishing the timeless melodies of gospel.

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**Brenda Joy
Joyful BGV**

Amazing Talent

Teaylor Parks is an Atlanta-native and Florida A&M University graduate (Class of 2020) with a passion for building purpose-driven brands, using visual art and music to promote positivity, and finding unique ways to serve communities in need. For the culmination of her work, Teaylor has won the Florida Capital's Top 20 Under 40 Award, been featured in Essence Magazine's online blog and email newsletter, is a Forbes Under 30 Scholar, and been selected for Opportunity Hub's prestigious High-Growth Upskilling and Company Building South by Southwest Cohort Program, among other achievements.

teaylorparks.com



Teaylor Parks
Opening Act

Amazing Talent

From the time James Jernigan, Jr. could create beats on the pots and pans at his grandparents' house, it was clear that he had the gift of drumming. With a sincere love for all genres of music, JJ clearly brings passion to his craft.

James is the oldest child born to James and Alonia Jernigan. Naturally talented, his music credits could be attributed to his mother, vocalist Dr. Alonia Parks or his aunt, the late Lala Parks Harrison, an accomplished pianist who was also skilled at playing the bells and the oboe. But more evidently, it is a gift from God.

youtube.com/jamesjimmyjernigan



James Jernigan, Jr.
Electrifying Percussionist

Our Benefactor

Not One More Domestic Violence Victim (NOMDVV) is the brainchild of Dr. Bonnie Bonita Bond, noted author, speaker, philanthropist and advocate who has seen first-hand the egregious effects of domestic violence. Because of her own personal experiences, she is on a mission to do all she can to help eradicate domestic violence as well as educate and advocate for survivors and victims.



notonemoredomesticviolencevictim.org

Dr. Bonnie Bonita Bond
CEO/Founder

Our Benefactor

Columbia Private Investigations and Safety Consultations created a 501 c3 nonprofit organization ITS (I Think Safety) On Me 2 was created to address the BIPOC—Black, Indigenous, and People of Color—women and girls go missing, the disparate treatment their cases receive as a solution to address this crisis. This silent epidemic is affecting hundreds of thousands of Black, Brown, and Indigenous women and girls across the country. In 2020, 40% of all women and girls reported missing were people of color—100,000 out of 250,000 missing—despite making up just 16% of the population.



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Chandra Cleveland
CEO/Founder

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