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## LINCOLN ANNOUNCES WINTER 2021 SCHEDULE

### *Virtual and In-Person Options Available*

The Lincoln Theatre today announced the lineup of performances for February and March 2021, including two Backstage at the Lincoln performances and one of the first Club Lincoln dates. All performances will offer in-person and virtual tickets. In-person tickets must be pre-purchased and are limited to 15% capacity on a first-come, first-serve basis. In-person patrons will be asked to follow safety protocols including socially distanced seating and mandatory face coverings. Patrons who opt for virtual tickets will be emailed a watch link 24 hours before the performance.

All performances will be held at the Lincoln Theatre (769 E. Long St.). Both in-person and virtual tickets can be purchased at [www.LincolnTheatreColumbus.com](http://www.LincolnTheatreColumbus.com) or by phone at (614) 469-0939.

The schedule is as follows:

#### **Backstage at the Lincoln presents JERMAINE SMITH**

**Thursday, February 18, 7 pm**

Columbus musician, singer, and producer Jermaine Smith will perform an array of gospel and R&B compositions that encourage the heart, mind, and soul. He will be joined by local band Vamp Village. Tickets are \$10 and patrons can opt to attend in-person or watch online.

#### **Club Lincoln presents COMEDY @ CLUB LINCOLN featuring MARC FAZON**

**Friday, February 26, 8 pm**

Columbus-based standup comedian Marc Fazon puts his own unique, entertaining flare on tales of his personal life and experiences, creating a signature brand of comedy that is family-friendly and enjoyable for all. Additional local standup comedians to be featured include Shaena, Aaron Pettway, Sista lu, Comedian Silas, Angie Healey, Greg Long, Rosetta Perry, and Jr. Junior. Tickets are \$15 and patrons can opt to attend in-person or watch online.

#### **Backstage at the Lincoln presents BLACK WOMEN RISE POETRY COLLECTIVE WITH BARBARA FANT**

### **Wednesday, March 31, 7 pm**

Created through the vision of local poet Barbara Fant, the Black Women Rise Poetry Collective offers a safe and brave space for Black women writers to share their authentic hearts and souls by writing and performing their own stories of being a Black woman in today's world. Their poetry embraces personal traumas and triumphs, fears and faith, and journeys and joy with the purpose of sparking encouragement, inspiration, and hope. Tickets are \$10 and patrons can opt to attend in-person or watch online.

### **About Backstage at the Lincoln**

Backstage at the Lincoln, the Lincoln Theatre's local artist showcase series, offers audiences the extraordinary opportunity to be seated on stage for a uniquely intimate performance experience set against the hand-painted grandeur of the Lincoln's rare, Egyptian Revival-style interior design.

### **About Club Lincoln**

Launched in 2020, Club Lincoln is the Lincoln's newest performance space, offering an organic and intimate experience for up to 250 patrons in its second-floor ballroom equipped with all-new digital sound and lighting. The Club Lincoln concert series is the Lincoln Theatre's platform for burgeoning local artists that have participated in the Lincoln's artist incubation programs.

### **2021 Lincoln Theatre Safety Protocols**

- Patrons, staff, and volunteers must wear face coverings/masks at all times.
- Tickets must be pre-purchased online.
- All guests must sign a COVID-19 waiver release form.
- All seats will be assigned to allow for social distancing.
- Once the State-recommended capacity is met, no one will be allowed to enter the theatre.
- At the end of the program, all guests will be directed to exit the theatre immediately.
- Those exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms or who may have been exposed to someone presenting symptoms in the 14 days prior to the screening are asked not to attend.

The Backstage at the Lincoln and Club Lincoln series are made possible through the generous support of the Greater Columbus Arts Council and the Ohio Arts Council.

[www.lincolntheatrecolumbus.com](http://www.lincolntheatrecolumbus.com)

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**About the Lincoln Theatre**

First opened in 1928, the Lincoln Theatre is a landmark in African-American and jazz history. After undergoing a \$13.5 million renovation funded by a partnership of public and private support, the Lincoln reopened in May 2009 as a multi-use, state-of-the-art performing arts and education center serving the diversity of the central Ohio community. The Lincoln is a bustling hub of activity 365 days a year hosting performances, rehearsals, and classes in the performing arts, as well as a wide variety of community events such as film festivals, meetings, and receptions.

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