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T.WONG AND MARQUITTA MINNIEFIELD HEADLINE BACKSTAGE 10TH ANNIVERSARY SHOWCASE The Lincoln celebrates anniversary of signature program

The Lincoln Theatre Association is proud to celebrate the 10th anniversary of its signature Backstage at the Lincoln program on Thursday, March 30 at 7 pm with a fully open theatre concert showcase.

The Backstage 10th Anniversary Showcase will feature **T.Wong** and **Marquitta Minniefield**, plus an all-star Lincoln line-up of program alumni including Aaron White, LeRon White, Jordan Lewis, Robert Napier, Cherimondis J, Jae Esquire, Schuyler Johnson, Elysian Kadeem, Ladies of the Lincoln (Janeen Holmes, La'Toya Jones, Christina Myles), Tiffany Kendrick, Earth Jallow, Kim Brazwell, Myko Glaze & Quianna Simpson, Kenneth Eaddy & Lori Lindsey, and Tripp Fontane & Brianna Rhodes.

The Backstage at the Lincoln concert series offers the extraordinary opportunity to be seated on stage for a performance with your favorite local artist. Set against the hand-painted grandeur of the Lincoln's Egyptian Revival-style motif, Backstage offers an exceptionally intimate concert experience from a perspective normally seen only by the artists themselves. Backstage at the Lincoln is made possible through the generous support of Donna and Larry James and Crabbe, Brown, & James with additional support from the Greater Columbus Arts Council.

The Lincoln Theatre presents the Backstage 10th Anniversary Showcase on Thursday, March 30, at 7 pm. Three ticket levels are available including general admission seating, Premier package seating, and Stage VIP package seating. Each level includes a drink toast before the performance. Tickets are \$20-\$75 and can be purchased inperson at the CBUSArts Ticket Center (39 E. State St.), online at <u>www.LincolnTheatreColumbus.com</u>, or by phone at (614) 469-0939.

CONCERT SCHEDULE

Prelude:

Aaron White, LeRon White, Jordan Lewis, Robert Napier, Cherimondis J, Jae Esquire

Lobby Art: Francesca Miller, Richard "Duarte" Brown

ACT I (inspirational set):

Schuyler Johnson Elysian Kadeem Ladies of the Lincoln Tribute (Janeen Holmes, La'Toya Jones, Christina Myles)

ACT II (women in poetry set):

Tiffany Kendrick Earth Jallow Kim Brazwell

Special guest: Marquitta Minniefield

ACT III (theatrical/mixed arts set):

Myko Glaze & Quianna Simpson Kenneth Eaddy & Lori Lindsey Tripp Fontane & Brianna Rhodes

Final performance:

T.Wong

CALENDAR LISTING

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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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