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Tonya Baker headlines Lincoln Theatre's annual North Star Concert Nov. 14

*Columbus' Bobby Floyd, Mary McClendon, Ladies of the Lincoln
featured on uplifting, hope-filled program*

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The Lincoln Theatre Association welcomes dynamic gospel singer Tonya Baker to its main stage for its annual North Star Concert. The formerly Ohio-based artist will be backed by longtime Columbus pianist/organist and bandleader Bobby Floyd.

The concert, which will also include a set featuring Floyd joined by jazz singer Mary McClendon and vocal trio the Ladies of the Lincoln, will be held Thursday, November 14 at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Theatre (769 E. Long St.).

The concert promises to be an uplifting evening of positivity and hope through music and the arts. As the North Star is a symbol of guidance and hope, so the Lincoln Theatre Association's North Star Concert offers a beacon of light and life to our community.

Tickets are \$37 and can be purchased at www.LincolnTheatreColumbus.com or by phone at (614) 469-0939.

"The NorthStar concert will amplify the hope, vision, inspiration, and freedom desired through artistic messaging," Lincoln Theatre Executive Director Suzan Bradford said. "Columbus' seasoned and respected artists will fill the theatre with exceptional talent."

Baker's music ministry includes concert and festival performances around the world. She has shared the stage with Shirley Caesar, CeCe Winans, Fred Hammond and more.

Her recordings include *The Live Encounter*, produced by Grammy Award winner Myron Butler.

Floyd has toured and performed extensively with Ray Charles, Rusty Bryant, Jeff Tyzik, Chris Howes, Byron Stripling, Sarah Morrow and his own trio. He is also a frequent soloist with the Columbus Jazz Orchestra.

McClendon is a long-time leading light on the Columbus Jazz scene. Each a diva in her own right, the Ladies of the Lincoln is a vocal trio comprised of Janeen Holmes, La'Toya Jones, and Christina Myles, three alumni of the Lincoln's Expand Your Horizon Incubation Program.

CALENDAR LISTING

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Thursday, Nov. 14, 7 pm

Lincoln Theatre

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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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