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Lincoln Theatre Announces Winter 2026 Schedule

Backstage at the Lincoln series presents top local talent

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The Lincoln Theatre will present standout local performers in early 2026 as part of its Backstage at the Lincoln series.

The Backstage at the Lincoln concert series offers an extraordinary opportunity to be seated on stage for a performance with your favorite local artists. Set against the hand-painted grandeur of the Lincoln's Egyptian Revival-style motif, enjoy an exceptionally intimate concert from a perspective normally seen only by the artists themselves.

All performances will be held at the Lincoln Theatre (769 E. Long St.). Tickets can be purchased at www.LincolnTheatreColumbus.com or by phone at (614) 469-0939.

All shows start at 7 pm. Tickets are \$27.62.

Upcoming Backstage at the Lincoln performances include:

Shelby & Marquita Lyles

Thursday, January 22

Step into 2026 with a night of musical renewal. Solo artists Shelby and Marquita are joining forces for a special, one-night-only duet concert. While both are powerful performers in their own right, this evening offers a rare chance to hear them blend their unique styles in perfect harmony. Together, they will deliver a soul-stirring collection of Gospel and Inspirational classics designed to lift your spirits. Join us this January for an unforgettable celebration of hope, faith, and the promise of a new year.

All-Star Staff Performance

Friday, February 27

Backstage at the Lincoln presents a special All-Star Staff edition celebrating the Lincoln Theatre team not only as dedicated professionals, but as artists in their own right. This evening highlights the creativity, talent, and lived artistry that exists behind the scenes, recognizing the staff whose gifts extend far beyond their roles and into the cultural heartbeat of the community. Join us for an intimate conversation honoring collaboration, creativity, and the artists who help sustain and elevate the Lincoln Theatre every day.

Featuring: Joenathan Banks, Davitrick Brewster, Gamal Brown, Job Clarkson, Naiya Sayavong, Kevin Seals, Quianna Simpson, Damani Wade, Talia Walls, Tamani Watkins

“Honor Her” - Celebrating the Women Staff of the Lincoln

Thursday, March 19

“Honor Her” is a powerful edition of Backstage at the Lincoln celebrating the women of the Lincoln Theatre as leaders, creatives, and artists. This evening uplifts the women whose artistry, vision, and dedication shape the Lincoln’s past, present, and future, both onstage and behind the scenes. Through reflection and shared stories, we honor their impact, resilience, and creative excellence, while celebrating the collective artistry that lives within the women of the Lincoln Theatre.

The Sound of La’Toya

Thursday, April 16

From sultry jazz lounges to soul-stirring stages, La’Toya “Buzzy” Jones delivers more than music — she brings an unforgettable experience. With a career that spans collaborations with Grammy-nominated gospel legends, powerhouse R&B groups, and theatrical stages, La’Toya’s voice is both timeless and electric. Whether performing with The Jerry Powell Experience, sharing platforms with artists like Yahzarah and Bobby Floyd, or leading as a standout alum of the Lincoln Theatre Incubation Program, she moves audiences with depth, passion, and grace, while poised to inspire, elevate, and leave you wanting more. Don’t miss this chance to witness a performance that blends heart, heritage, and high energy.

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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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