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Oakland: Jazz at Chimes concert to spotlight vocalist's debut CD release

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Jazz vocalist Andrea Claburn will be the featured performer Sunday at the Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Ave., Oakland. Her performance will showcase different genres of music from swing to second-line to ska. She will celebrate the release of her debut album, "Nightshade." (Courtesy of Thomas Claburn)

For its third concert of the year, Jazz at the Chimes will feature jazz vocalist Andrea Claburn, who will perform at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Ave. in Oakland.

Claburn is a rising star on the local jazz scene and her performance will also be to celebrate the release of her debut album, "Nightshade."

"I want the audience to really feel the electricity and joy of jazz," Claburn said. "I think jazz has been mystified over the years, put on a pedestal, and I totally disagree, I think jazz is all about how it moves you."

Her performance will showcase many different genres of music from swing to second line to ska, and will include her homage to a Duke Ellington classic "Echoes of Harlem," which she said has been popular among fans and listeners.

"I wrote lyrics and a new arrangement, and it's called infinite wisdom," she said. "It has a Latin feel and gives band members a chance to stretch and solo."

She added that she's most excited about the performance because it's an opportunity for her to collaborate with other talented local musicians and a chance to realize a dream.

"It's brought to life my musical vision," she said. "Half of the album is original compositions and all are my arrangements. It's been a long time coming and I put a great deal of thought into the music."

Claburn, who has been a musician her whole life, was born in Baltimore to a classical pianist mother and jazz aficionado father, and raised as a classical pianist and violinist. She began her career as a jazz vocalist 10 years ago. She will be performing with jazz musicians Matt Clark on piano, Peter Barshay on bass, Alan Hall on drums, Terrence Brewer on guitar and Erik Jekabson on trumpet and flugelhorn.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at brownpapertickets.com, and copies of Claburn's new album "Nightshade" can be purchased on her website, AndreaClaburn.com.

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