

Thursday, May 11, 2023

Bryant Park Dance Party: Swing Dance - The American Cultural Experience

Company: Charenée Wade's Band of Swing

Venue: Bryant Park Fountain

Location: New York, NY

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6pm: Dance Instruction with Gaby Cook and AJ Howard

7pm: Live Dance Music with Charenée Wade's Band of Swing

Known for expert vocal improvisational ability and her seriously swinging groove, Brooklyn native Charenée Wade evokes a classic jazz sound akin to Betty Carter and Sarah Vaughan, two of her musical touchstones. With her *Motéma* debut, *Offering: The Music of Gil Scott-Heron and Brian Jackson*, she pays tribute to another inspiration, the socially conscious poet and musician Gil Scott-Heron, and confirms that she too plans to use her artist platform thoughtfully. The first full-length album tribute to Scott-Heron and his musical collaborator Brian Jackson by a woman artist, *Offering* is arresting in just how timely Scott-Heron's messages are today and how perfectly Wade delivers them through her savvy arrangements and intimate jazz interpretations. While she has earned many accolades – first runner-up in New York's Jazzmobile Vocal competition; a participant in Betty Carter's Jazz Ahead program; a feature on NPR's *Song Travels*; a starring role in the off-Broadway show *Café Society* and in Jazz at Lincoln Center's Salute to Betty Carter – she may surprise people with this authentic tour de force. Wade gives ample evidence on this remarkable debut as to why she is one of the most exciting, distinctive and bold young musical talents on the rise today. Wade has performed with Bobby Sanabria, Aaron Diehl, Oran Etkin, Robert Glasper and MacArthur Fellow and choreographer Kyle Abraham, among others, and at venues and festivals worldwide including Montreux and Spoleto. A singer, composer, arranger and educator, Wade is also a professor at the Aaron Copland School at Queens College and was just recently appointed to Peabody Institute.

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