

DIANE SCHUUR

Joyous Musicality -- a Schuur Thing

Loved by fans for her warm, engaging spirit and stirring voice, vocalist and pianist **Diane Schuur** has built a stellar career by charming and thrilling audiences around the world with her universal appeal. Called “the new first lady of jazz,” she lifts you into her delight in the music she loves. Though her prodigious talent extends to pop, R&B and country, Diane’s roots are in jazz. She grew up listening to the legendary jazz singers of the 40’s and 50’s and the pop music of her youth during the 50’s and 60’s.

Diane has performed at the White House and the Kennedy Center, headlined at Carnegie Hall and toured the globe with superstars like jazz luminary Dizzy Gillespie, blues titan B. B. King, and icons Ray Charles and Stevie Wonder. She has also performed and recorded with Quincy Jones, Joe Williams, Count Basie and Maynard Ferguson. Rave reviews, two Grammy Awards, three additional nominations, and the first Ella Fitzgerald Award from the Festival International de Jazz de Montréal attest to the music world’s recognition of her remarkable performances.

Diane grew up in Auburn, Washington, nurtured by a police captain father who played the piano and a mother who loved jazz and had a collection of Duke Ellington and Dinah Washington recordings. She began singing as a toddler and had her first professional appearance at age ten.

In 1975, she auditioned with Doc Severinson, the leader of the Tonight Show band. That led to a gig with Ed Shaughnessy, the Tonight Show drummer, at the Monterey Jazz Festival where she was discovered by Stan Getz.

Getz promoted and mentored Diane, playing on her first three albums. Twenty albums have followed. Blind from birth, Diane radiates a brilliant artistic vision and musicality that can’t be held back.

She will be joined by four outstanding musicians: Bill Anschell (piano), Chuck Kistler (bass) and D’Vonne Lewis (drums), and John Nastos (tenor sax). **ONE NIGHT ONLY, Saturday, March 23rd at 7:30pm at The Whitefish Performing Arts Center.**

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