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LIVE MUSIC SERIES: COLE & FRIENDS

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// ARTIST

ANGELA BIRCHETT

Angela made her Broadway debut in the 2015 Tony Award winning revival of *The Color Purple* and has several regional and touring credits including: *The Color Purple* first national tour, *Dreamgirls* as Effie White, *Once On This Island* as Asaka, *Smokey Joe's Café* as BJ, and *Hairspray* national tour as Motormouth). Her television credits include CBS' *Kevin Can Wait* and NBC's *Blindspot*.

// ARTIST

JAYNA BROWN

Having performed since age 4, Jayna Elise originally got her start writing with Grammy Award-winning band *Snarky Puppy*. By age 14, she had already starred in *Madea's Neighbors From Hell*, toured as a *KidzBop* kid, and received the golden buzzer on *"America's Got Talent"*. Her most recent endeavors include reaching the finals of season 22 of *"American Idol"*, headlining as Tina in *The Tina Turner Musical's* second national tour, and making her Off-Broadway debut in Jordan E. Cooper's show, *"Oh Happy Day"*.



ARTIST //

MICHAEL CARTWRIGHT

Michael Cartwright is an elite musician and entertainer, renowned as the trumpet player and music director for the prestigious Los Angeles-based event band *Project M*. With over two decades of experience in the competitive LA music scene, he has established himself as a leading figure in the industry. Cartwright has also made a mark as a co-host of the lifestyle program *"Studio 701"* on CBS and delivered a TEDx talk titled *"Art of The Frontman."* His artistic prowess is complemented by a Bachelor's degree from the Thornton School.



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LEXI LOWELL

Lexie Lowell is a singer, songwriter, and harpist weaving cinematic melodies with ethereal textures. Her music is a vessel for emotional alchemy; transmuting grief, love, and longing into beauty. Based in New York City, Lexie has appeared on Broadway (*Spring Awakening* 2016) and collaborated with Jon Batiste on the Netflix documentary *American Symphony*. She is currently studying Musical Theatre Writing at NYU Tisch.



// ARTIST

TAHARQA PATTERSON

Taharqa Patterson masterfully blends music and artistry into captivating performances. An accomplished singer, songwriter, and guitarist, Taharqa leads *Rhythm Collective*, one of the world's premier luxury event bands. Taharqa has performed alongside Janelle Monáe, Taylor Swift, Van Morrison, Don Henley, Ziggy Marley, Esperanza Spalding, and more.





ARTIST //

KARYN PORTER

Karyn is a rising force in the Jazz, R&B, Soul, and Singer-Songwriter genres. She has recently completed a tour as lead vocal support for Beyonce in addition to duo partner for for John Legend. Her voice is both elegant and sultry. She captivates audiences with her unique silky sound and contrasting abilities featuring soaring vocal range!

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MELANER QUIROZ

Melaner is a diverse Latinx artist. Her music blends culture with modern Soul and R&B influences, creating a sound that is uniquely its own. Her performances tell stories in a way that's fearless and authentic.



ARTIST //

VIC ROSSO

Vic Rosso hails from Havana Cuba and is a champion of revival of Classic Cuban boleros and salsa! His energy is magnetic and his repertoire spans from Classic to Contemporary Latin music.

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CARA SAMANTHA

Cara Samantha is a Grammy Award-winning background vocalist and American Idol alum whose distinctive sound blends jazzy soul with modern pop sensibilities. A versatile performer and sought-after voice artist, she gained widespread recognition as the featured singing voice behind viral music parodies by The Key of Awesome, portraying artists including Adele, Elsa,

Ellie Goulding, Madonna, and more across videos that amassed millions of views. She also voiced the co-lead role in Audible's original musical adventure Jukebox Joyride by The Pop Ups.



// ARTIST

BRIAN VAULX

Brian Vaulx, Jr. is a singer-songwriter with a specialty in and passion for Broadway show tunes. He has performed hundreds of dates internationally and on network television as a vocalist. In addition to being a prolific writer of his own music, he performs with international event band Sound House.

