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Jazz 'n Paz

Pasadena's Intimate Fall 2019 Concert Series

Rings in the Holidays with

Carols of the Belles

Holiday Concert & Party

featuring the vocals of

Barbara Morrison – Jamie Perez – Renee Myara

with

Danny Janklow, Sax/Flute – Michael Ragonese, Piano - Luca

Alemmano, Bass – James Yoshizawa, Drums

Early Sunday evening Jazz Concert and Holiday Party to nourish your soul

Sunday, December 22, 2019; 5:00 p.m.

Curated by ***Performances à la Carte***, ***Jazz 'n Paz*** continues with its' seasonal intimate jazz series showcasing some of Los Angeles' finest jazz musicians. To ring in the holidays, the December concert, ***Carols of the Belles***, features the vocals of the iconic **Barbara Morrison**, **Jamie Perez**, and **Renee Myara**, taking place on Sunday, December 22 at 5:00 p.m. at Pasadena's **Neighborhood UU Church**. Wine, non-alcoholic beverages and nibbles will be available for sale starting at 4:00 p.m. A Holiday Champagne Party will follow the concert and may be added to any concert ticket purchase online for an additional **\$12**. The party will feature appetizers, desserts, champagne and non-alcoholic punch along with music, dancing, comedic holiday improv antics and capped off with a Holiday Sing-A-Long.

In a jazzy program of standards and holiday favorites, the musicians behind the angelic voices feature **Michael Ragonese** on piano, **James Yoshizawa** on drums, **Danny Janklow** on sax and flute, and **Luca Alemmano** on bass.

The dazzling three-time GRAMMY-nominated **Barbara Morrison** has been featured on over 20

recordings in almost every genre from traditional jazz and blues to gospel and pop. Her melodic voice, with its two-and-a-half-octave range, are known worldwide, as are her rich, unique, soulful and highly spirited interpretations of both, familiar jazz and blues classics, and original contemporary tunes. Most striking is her ability to belt out down-home, soul-stirring Blues. Breathtaking are her impassioned renditions of old and favorite torch songs.

Well known in the Los Angeles area for her duo and trio dates Ms. Morrison also tours extensively, blazing a trail as a Jazz and Blues legend in her own right across the Continental United States, Western Europe the Far East and "Down Under", wowing audiences with her band. In addition to her gigs with other legends, Barbara Morrison also performs at the more renowned Blues and Jazz Festivals around the world. Her appearances include Montreaux, Nice, Pori, Carnegie Hall, North Sea, Monterey, Long Beach, as well as salutes to Dizzy Gillespie and her tribute to Benny Golson. In 2008 she opened the Barbara Morrison Performing Arts Center (BMPAC). The 99-seat theatre and adaptable performance space is located in the historic Leimert Park District, the center of the African American arts scene in Los Angeles.

Conceived by two love struck opera singers, **Renee Myara** practically came out of the womb singing. From a very young age, music was her joy, her hustle, her freedom, her expression, and it was inextricably tied to every stage of her life. Though classically trained, she has lent her voice to almost every genre imaginable. A musical chameleon, adept at playing many instruments, you may find Renee on the guitar, piano or drums, singing in French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese or English. Renee has graced the stages of The Roxy, The Whiskey, The Viper Room, The House of Blues and the Key Club. In her most recent incarnation, Renee applies her signature style and operatic range to fusing jazz, country and cabaret with Black Market Reverie. Renee finds her biggest inspiration from her two young children, who move to their own beat, no matter how loud Renee's voice can get.

Singer, songwriter and artistic director of **Performances à la Carte**, **Jamie Perez** is considered a very versatile singer; a performance artist of eclectic tastes and total vocality. Although she studied with some of the world's most renown classical singers/teachers, she considers her first voice teachers and interpreters of song growing up to be jazz greats Sarah Vaughan, Nancy Wilson and Ella Fitzgerald and admits she frequently gave "Frankie" a spin (all via vinyl). Though the music of Jazz and Broadway were her first loves, her father, a lover of jazz but a devoted operaphile, persuaded her (or else) to pursue a career in classical music, which she did very successfully for 30 years. She is delighted to return to her roots and sing some of the jazz music she "cut her teeth on" (literally – she teethed on jazz album covers as an infant). Through her artistic endeavors with **Performances à la Carte**, she continues to create collaborative projects that promote artists, serve the public interest and that fuel her passion for beauty, authenticity and social justice.

\$28 for the concert in advance (no reserved seating); tickets at the door **\$30** (based on availability); **\$20** for students with valid ID. A Holiday Champagne Party will follow the concert and may be added to **any concert ticket purchase** online for an additional **\$12 online only**.

Neighborhood UU Church is located at [301 North Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91103](https://www.jazznpaz.com). For tickets and more information please visit <https://www.jazznpaz.com>; email jazznpaz@performancesalacarte.com; or call 626-296-9843.

Performances à la Carte is a collaborative arts events producer with a mission to create unique, original live performances utilizing multi-arts genres to showcase the diverse artistic community in the greater Los Angeles, San Gabriel and Crescenta Valley area and to connect the arts with social needs and

issues that serve the public interest.

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Details for Calendar Listings

Carols of the Belles

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WHO:

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- **Jamie Perez** Vocals
- **Renee Myara** Vocals
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HOW:

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