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**EMMY AWARD WINNER JOAN COLLASO  
TO PAY TRIBUTE TO NANCY WILSON & SHIRLEY HORN**

**(CHICAGO, IL)** Chicago's very own "Songstress of Jazz," Joan Collaso will perform songs from her tribute production, "A Tribute to Nancy Wilson and Shirley Horn" Also Honoring the Lady and Her Music Lena Horne," , Friday June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Columbus Park Rectory, 5701 W. Jackson in Chicago. The concert will start promptly at 7:00 PM. Ms. Collaso will perform excerpts with her musical interpretations of two artists whose influences have shaped the sound of jazz for nearly six decades.

Joan Collaso first presented this dynamic stage production in August, 2010 at the DuSable Museum of African American History in Chicago to rave reviews from across the jazz idiom. Fans and aficionados alike were in awe of Ms. Collaso's historical intellect which not only was presented to inform her audience but to entertain them authentically with her vocal interpretations of Ms. Wilson and Ms. Horn.

University of Chicago's Alan Carter-Bey of WHPK Radio said Ms. Collaso's," repertoire was very impressive. The songs by Shirley Horn and Nancy Wilson were boldly reconceived and beautifully done by a very talented performer." James Walker, Jr. of JazzChicago.net said that Ms. Collaso's "tribute to these divas was arguably one of the finest performances viewed by him in 2010." Walker added, "Her sparkling vocal instrument and ability to rearrange these classic songs without committing musical sacrilege impressed all assembled at the packed DuSable Museum."

Joan Collaso vocal stylings have received international acclaim. But her talents have been in high demand as she has provided vocals for iconic jazz vocalist Al Jarreau, smooth jazz bassist Mike Manson, trumpeter Orbert Davis and the great Ramsey Lewis.

The tribute to Nancy Wilson and Shirley Horn promises to be sophisticated, elegant, and fun...a fitting tribute to these most celebrated Jazz Icons. This performance will be riveting with Joan's stellar interpretations of some of the most beloved songs from Wilson and Horn's musical catalogue.

This free concert is part of an effort promoted by The Jazz Institute of Chicago. The Jazz Institute has dedicated itself to the preservation of jazz in all its forms since 1969 by a small group of jazz fans, writers, club owners and musicians who came together to preserve the historical roots of Chicago Jazz and to ensure that opportunities for the music to be heard would not be lost in a time when contemporary music forms was moving towards including cultural economics.

For ticket information to this concert event or the Jazz Institute of Chicago email [info@jazzinchicago.org](mailto:info@jazzinchicago.org), visit their website at [www.JazzInChicago.org](http://www.JazzInChicago.org) or call (312) 427-1646.

For more information about Joan Collaso, please visit [www.JoanCollaso.com](http://www.JoanCollaso.com) for her full concert schedule of performances, video samples and CD content that can be purchase for your listening pleasure.

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