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## “PIONEERING WOMEN IN JAZZ” PAYS TRIBUTE TO THREE ICONIC VOCALISTS AT THE SHELDON

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **Bessie, Billie & Nina - Pioneering Women in Jazz, featuring Charenée Wade, Tahira Clayton and Vanisha Gould** as part of The Sheldon Rhythm & Jazz series on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall.

The musical and social legacies of Bessie Smith, Billie Holiday and Nina Simone remain as relevant as ever. Their contributions resonate with today’s artists across many genres, as all three women defied social norms, embracing self-empowerment through their art.

Produced by Grammy-winning Eli Wolf and with arrangements by pianist and musical director Carmen Staaf, this exciting performance features three dynamic vocalists. Each a rising star in her own right, all three are known for regular appearances at Jazz and Lincoln Center and other esteemed New York City venues. Presented in affiliation with the Women in Jazz Organization and backed by an all-female band, Wade, Clayton and Gould celebrate the enduring legacies of Bessie Smith, Billie Holiday and Nina Simone with performances of their classic songs.

Tickets are \$40 orchestra 1 / \$35 balcony 1 / \$30 balcony 2 / \$15 student, and are on sale now through MetroTix at 314-534-1111 and through The Sheldon’s website at [TheSheldon.org](http://TheSheldon.org). For more information, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit [TheSheldon.org](http://TheSheldon.org). [Click here](#) for The Sheldon’s full vaccination and testing policy.

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