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The Sunshine Jazz Concert Series Presents
The OTHELLO MOLINEAUX Ensemble
Featuring Special Guest ~ Ms. Brenda Alford
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MIAMI, FL – Happy New Year! The Sunshine Jazz Organization had a wonderful 2018 and we are kicking off 2019 with a very special concert featuring South Florida music legend, Othello Molineaux! Othello's quartet will be joined by spectacular vocalist Ms. Brenda Alford! The South Florida Jazz Hall of Famer and Jazz Steel Pan virtuoso will perform from 6pm - 9pm in the Music Lounge at Miami Shores Country Club.

Widely credited with introducing the "Steel Pan" to the Jazz world, **Othello Molineaux** was born on the island of Trinidad in 1939. His career was initiated at an early age growing up in a musical family – piano lessons from mother, father a violinist, brother a jazz pianist, and sister a vocalist. Love for jazz and respect for the "Steel Pan", as it's called in Trinidad and Tobago, led him to form his own group in his teens, of which he was the instrument tuner and musical arranger.



"Othello" left home in 1967 to pursue a music career and was contracted as a pianist with the Virgin Islands Hilton. He soon led a campaign to get Steel Drum Programs into the School System. Moving to Miami in 1971, he continued his campaign for steel drum to be universally recognized and accepted as Trinidad and Tobago's musical invention and gift to the world. His use of the steel drum in the jazz medium attests to his passion for the instrument and its possibilities, and his own dynamic musical concept. Othello's album "It's About Time" was voted best Jazz Album by the Miami New Times and it was declared a "Jazz Masterpiece" by America's #1 Jazz Magazine, "Jazz Times". His groundbreaking 1979 album with Monty Alexander "Ivory and Steel" was documented as the "first successful commercial jazz album using a steel drum". Othello burst onto the world jazz stage in 1976 after appearing with legendary bassist Jaco Pastorius on his grammy-nominated debut album and has performed with icons including Dizzy Gillespie, Herbie Hancock, Monty Alexander, Weather Report, Chicago, Eliane Elias and Ahmad Jamal. His fine quartet will also feature Abel Pabon on piano, Marcel Salas on bass and Rey Monroig on drums.

Join us on Sunday, January 27th at Miami Shores Country Club, 10000 Biscayne Blvd., Miami Shores, FL 33138. General Admission is \$25. | SJO Members \$20. **Become a member or renew your membership at the door and admission is FREE!** MSCC features a lovely Music Lounge, full Dinner Menu and ample Free Parking. For Info and Advanced Reservations contact (954)554-1800 SunJazzOrg@aol.com.

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