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The Sunshine Jazz Concert Series Presents

The BRENDA ALFORD Quintet!

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The Sunshine Jazz Concert Series welcomes back dear friend and highly acclaimed singer, songwriter, educator, actress, activist and "Jazz Ambassador", *Ms. Brenda Alford*, accompanied by her fabulous band: *Jesse Jones, Jr. on Sax, Jai Schneider - Piano, Paul Shewchuk - Bass, and Lenny Steinberg - Drums.*

Originally from Baltimore, Maryland, *Brenda Alford* is a graduate of the University of Miami Frost School of Music. She has the distinction of being one of a very few vocalists ever to record with renown jazz legend Horace Silver on the esteemed Blue Note Record Label. Brenda has demonstrated her versatility by performing in a wide range of settings - from church sanctuaries, schools, cafes and jazz lounges to large concert halls such as the Delaware Grand Opera House and Baltimore's Meyerhoff Symphony Hall.



Ms. Alford had the distinction of performing at the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center in a concert preceding the Grammy Award-winning Vocal group, *Take 6*, during which she debuted her single recording, "*Every Child*" to standing ovations. Alford also performed at SMDCAC with her quartet as part of a jazz concert featuring the sensational vocalist, *Kevin Mahogany* with his Trio, and renown saxophonist *Bobby Watson* and his Trio (with Grammy winner *Curtis Lundy* on bass). Her varied musical performance configurations have ranged from a cappella to a sixty-piece orchestra, and her repertoire includes, jazz, gospel, pop, R&B, and blues. Brenda has shared the stage with numerous other jazz legends over the years including Slide Hampton, Tommy Flanagan, Pete Minger, Keter Betts, Philly Joe Jones and Stanley Turrentine, among others. Brenda was personally encouraged to become a professional vocalist by Ms. Ella Fitzgerald, and counted Carmen McRae, Betty Carter, and Abbey Lincoln among her many fans and encouragers. Ms. Alford also appeared in two movies, Jon Waters' original "Hairspray" and Barry Levinson's "Avalon". In addition to the above credits, Brenda Alford is a retiree from Miami-Dade County Public Schools, where she was a dedicated and highly respected elementary school teacher. She is content doing two things she truly loves, teaching children and making music. In this new chapter of her life, Brenda has made a commitment to use her musical talent to benefit children as well as continue to entertain and enlighten audiences near and far.

Don't miss this very special concert from 6:00pm-9:00pm at Miami Shores Country Club, 10000 Biscayne Blvd., Miami Shores, FL 33138. General Admission \$25/SJO Members \$20. **Become an SJO member or renew at the door and admission is waived!** MSCC features a music lounge with full table/bar dining service and free parking. Reserve your seats at SunJazzOrg@aol.com, (954)554-1800; Many thanks to our SJO members and sponsors.

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