

HER SONGS, MY STORY

STARRING

MICHELLE SWEENEY

SYNOPSIS



Montreal soul icon Michelle Sweeney embarks on a deeply personal journey brought to life through the music of Aretha Franklin. The result, a profound interpretive intersection of love, loss and redemption. In this theatrical tour de force inspired by the Aretha Franklin Songbook, "Her Songs, My Story" reveals much of the personal history of Michelle Sweeney. In a childhood riddled with trauma and angst, this riveting "tell all" personal story reveals for the first time Michelle's personal life history and the hardships she endured.



Michelle Sweeney



Michelle began her musical career by singing in the gospel choirs in her hometown of Cleveland, Ohio. Her extraordinary voice was already blossoming when at the age of 15 she began performing in local cabarets. She soon caught the attention of Ronnie Love and the Drifters who asked her to tour with them.

Returning home two years later, she soon received a phone call from Trevor Payne who invited her to join Montreal's Jubilation Choir.

Arriving in Montreal in 1985, she quickly became part of the local jazz scene with steady gigs at well known Montreal clubs such as the Bijou, Rising Sun, the Monte Carlo and the Jewel thanks to nightclub owner George Durst.

Several months later, Michelle was tapped by producer Harry Rubin and director Roger Peace who cast her immediately in their upcoming musical theatre productions of "Ain't Misbehavin' " and "Eubie". Bringing out her comedic flair along with her dynamic voice and unparalleled energy, she was a natural. "Ain't Misbehavin' " played for over a year prior to embarking on a year-long cross Canada tour.



REVIEWS

"Montreal Soul Queen Michelle Sweeney has been raising audiences to their feet ever since she stole our hearts in a legendary year-long Canadian tour of Ain't Misbehavin' more than 30 years ago. An electrifying entertainer of stage, screen and television, Michelle is one of the finest voices of her generation.

RICHARD BURNETT - GLOBAL TV/MONTREAL

"Her Songs, My Story" pays homage to the legacy of Aretha Franklin, and audience goers will undoubtedly recognize many of the gospel as well as the R&B songs recorded by this classic legend.



*HER SONGS,
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@ WILDSIDE*

Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 9th at 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 12th at 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 16th at 9:00 p.m.

Tickets available at:

<https://centaurtheatre.com/shows/her-songs-my-story/>

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