

A JOURNEY INTO AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUALS

By Nicole Taylor, Soprano

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6:30 p.m.

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The American soprano **Nicole Taylor** will perform and speak about African American spirituals, traditionally called Negro Spirituals. An 18th & 19th century precursor to Gospel as well as to jazz, modern American pop, rock and rhythm & blues music, spirituals are indigenous and specific to the religious experience of Africans and their descendants in the United States, drawing primarily on biblical texts and focusing on personal freedom.

Originally from Los Angeles, Nicole Taylor is a graduate of The Juilliard School in New York. She has appeared in a number of dramatic and operatic roles, and currently continues her studies in Paris. Since her Carnegie Hall debut in 2006, Ms. Taylor's extraordinary talent as a vocalist has made her a world-class performer, having toured from Lithuania to Lebanon, Germany to Jerusalem. Nicole Taylor will be accompanied by the American pianist and diplomat **Daniel Ernst**.

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