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### **Janice Harrington, the Lady of Blues, Gospel and Jazz, to Visit Israel February 26 - March 1, 2009**

Janice Harrington, the Lady of Blues, Gospel, and Jazz, will be in Israel February 26 - March 1, under the auspices of the U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv. In celebration of Black History Month Ms. Harrington and her trio will give workshops and perform at the Hed Club, Tel Aviv (Hed College of Contemporary Music).

Critically acclaimed in the international press, Ms. Harrington has worked with such well-known artists as B.B. King, Jack Dupree, Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., Buddy Guy, and Lionel Hampton. She sang for Bishop Desmond Tutu when he received his Nobel Prize in Oslo. Having written and produced two albums and nine CD's over the years, Ms. Harrington has been a featured soloist in many Blues, Jazz and Gospel festivals and concerts. In 2007, she was selected by the U.S. Department of State as a Cultural Envoy and performed a series of concerts and workshops across Eastern Europe. Ms. Harrington has created a non-profit society organizing workshops and master classes in schools for students of all ages. She has been described by international press "as warm as sunshine with the ability to hold an audience spellbound." For more information, please visit <http://www.janice-harrington.com> Janice Harrington is here with her Trio, Rick Cotton, Dylan Vaughn and Tommie Harris.

Janice Harrington's visit to Israel is also being supported by the U.S. State Department's Performing Arts Initiative. Under this program, American performing artists in music, dance and theater perform, conduct workshops and master classes and related activities to introduce foreign audiences to American artists and art forms. Through these programs, American performers also have the opportunity to experience and learn from foreign cultures and to establish connections with foreign artists.

Black History Month honors the history and accomplishments of African-Americans.

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