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NOTED JAZZ SONGSTRESS SHAHIDA NURULLAH AND 'BIG BAND' BEN'S FRIENDS MAKE A 'HOT' PAIR AT THE CARR CENTER



Detroit, MI -- Her sultry voice will heat up the night for the **Virgil H. Carr Cultural Arts Center's 'Hot Nights In Paradise.'** She has played the top clubs and many other venues, both public and private, in and around Detroit. Mention *her* name and any true aficionado of jazz will chime in with enthusiastic praise for the show she lays out for her audiences. 'She' is **Shahida Nurullah**, a seasoned jazz professional and an instructor in the Artist Mentorship Program at the Arts League Of Michigan's (ALM), **Virgil H. Carr Cultural Arts Center**, generously passing her knowledge and know-how on to her young students.

You can hear Shahida at the second of four, 'Hot Nights In Paradise' presentations at the Carr Center, 311 E. Grand River, this Friday, July 31st at 5:30 p.m. Her performance is free and will take place in the Lower Gallery. The Carr Center will host two more free, 'Hot Nights' events on August 7th and August 14th beginning at 5:30.

To keep you in the mood and take you through the later hours of the evening, after Shahida's show the Carr Center will proudly present a special concert featuring the well known group, **Ben's Friends**, under the direction of **Benjamin Pruitt**. The band consists of 18 of some of the area's finest musicians. Their 'big band' power will carry you along as they play just about every jazz/big band staple you can think of and quite a few that you may have forgotten. This is an evening that will lack for nothing for sheer top-drawer, home-grown, jazzy sounds.

The Ben's Friends performance begins at 8:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Studio. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance at the Carr Center or at the door the evening of the show.

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