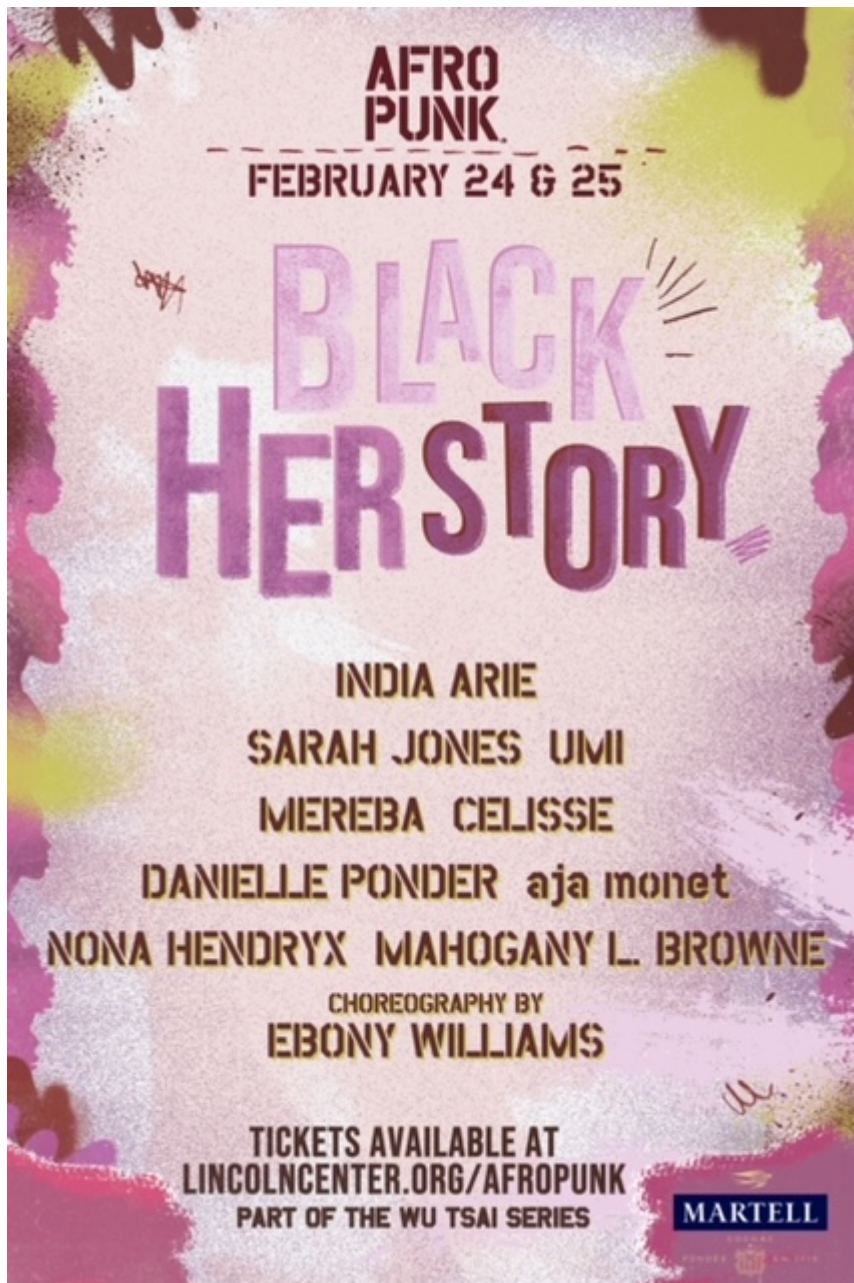


Nona Hendryx & Mahogany L. Browne Added To AFROPUNK's Black HERSTORY Live



Nona Hendryx and poet/educator Mahogany L. Browne have been added to AFROPUNK's Black HERSTORY Live. The celebration lauds Black women in the arts with a multi-disciplinary show. India.Arie, artist Mereba, actress and playwright Sarah Jones, choreographer Ebony Williams, and singer-songwriters Celisse, UMI and Danielle Ponder will perform at the event.

Black HERSTORY Live will happen at Lincoln Center February 24-25. [Tickets](#) are available now.

The Inaugural Ultimate Disco Cruise Adds Yvonne Elliman & France Joli To Lineup



Yvonne Elliman (left)
France Joli (right)

StarVista LIVE, the leader in nostalgia-based music cruise experiences, is adding a pair of classic dance music's legendary divas — Yvonne Elliman and France Jolie — to an already unprecedented superstar lineup for its newest uniquely themed voyage, the 2019 Ultimate Disco Cruise.

Yvonne Elliman and France Jolie join a phenomenal gathering of pioneering musical artists who helped make dance music a lasting part of all of our lives: KC and The Sunshine Band, Kool & The Gang, The Spinners, Gloria Gaynor, the Village People, Tavares, Norma Jean Wright, Alfa Anderson & Luci Martin (formerly of Chic), Rose Royce, Evelyn “Champagne” King, Thelma Houston, The Trammps featuring Earl Young, Musique, the Australian Bee Gees Show “a Tribute to The Bee Gees, and just added, the Boogie Wonder Band, Keith & Leslie Ferguson and comedian Kivi Rogers – with more coming! Together, they’ll “rock the boat” for five incredible nights, with live concerts anchoring a cruise that brings the cultural phenomenon of the 1970s from the dance floor to the high seas on a luxury ship that will wind its way through the Gulf of Mexico from February 14-19, 2019.

Famed choreographer and “Dance Fever” TV host Denny Terrio, the man who taught John Travolta his *Saturday Night Fever* dance moves, hosts one of the greatest lineups of classic disco stars ever assembled “and so much more” aboard the award-winning *Celebrity Infinity*.

By the time she sang her #1 hit “If I Can’t Have You” in *Saturday Night Fever* (and included on the Grammy-winning soundtrack) “written specifically for her by the Bee Gees” Yvonne Elliman had already launched a career that included releasing four albums and early fame as the original Mary Magdalene on Broadway in *Jesus Christ, Superstar*, and then earning a Golden Globe nomination for reprising the role in the 1973 film version. She had been touring as a backup vocalist for Eric Clapton when the Bee Gees, who had written her a pair of Top 20 hits (“Love Me” and “Hello Stranger”) brought her to *Saturday Night Fever*. The Bee Gees had initially written “How Deep Is Your Love” for Yvonne, but the producer ultimately had the group record it. Instead, Yvonne sang “If I Can’t Have You” and it rose to #1 on the Billboard Hot 100.

On July 7, 1979, an unknown, 16-year-old French Canadian female vocalist named France Joli performed her new single "Come to Me" for the first time before a throng of 5,000 on Fire Island at a benefit now infamously known as Beach '79. She left the stage a star and became a media darling who appeared in all the popular publications and on all the hot TV shows of the day. "Come to Me" became a smash hit that sold 3 million copies globally, rose to number one on disco charts around the world, and reached number 15 on *Billboard*'s pop chart. Joli still performs "Come to Me" and subsequent hits such as "Gonna Get Over You," "The Heart to Break the Heart," and "Feel Like Dancing" on the dance music circuit throughout the world. She draws a crowd at every performance. Even those of a younger generation "who may not know her by name" realize they're fans of "Come to Me" once they hear Joli's first few bars.

"To be able to continue to add essential artists of the caliber of Yvonne Elliman and France Joli to an already unprecedented lineup of classic dance music superstars is a privilege that we couldn't be prouder to share with our Ultimate Disco Cruise customers," says Alan Rubens, StarVista LIVE Senior Vice President of Entertainment/Executive Producer of the Ultimate Disco Cruise. "Dance Fever will be running higher than we ever could have imagined as we boogie on the high seas together!"

As someone who came of age in the 1970s, Rubens remembers the Disco explosion as a "simply unforgettable" lifestyle and musical phenomenon.

"Boogie Fever" is guaranteed to run rampant day and night from Ft. Lauderdale to Key West to Cozumel, and back, turning a luxury ship into one glorious "Disco Inferno." Throughout the voyage, guests will also have the opportunity to attend special events to get up close and personal with the artists on board, including a wine tasting, live game shows,

behind the music Q&A sessions, panel discussions, pool parties, and unforgettable themed costume gatherings. It all takes place aboard the luxurious Celebrity Infinity, renowned for excellence in dining, deluxe cabins, and stunning showrooms. Celebrity Cruises represent modern luxury in cruise lines, through sleek cruise ships and top-of-the-line amenities.

Cabin fares start at \$1,499 and include admission to all shows produced by StarVista LIVE, most meals, and major events. For further information on the Ultimate Disco Cruise, please call 844.296.3472 or visit www.UltimateDiscoCruise.com.

**Event Host Kevin Rouse
Announces 2018 Party Calendar
with Comedienne Luenell's
Birthday Bash**



Los Angeles – After hosting “*The Bootsy Collins Players Ball Hi-On-Heels House Party and Video Shoot*,” deemed one of the flyest Hollywood affairs on Grammy Night, Kevin Rouse and his Rouse House Entertainment have announced a 2018-line up of events designed to keep Los Angelenos excited, engaged and entertained. Next up is the [Comedienne Luenell’s Celebrity Black Carpet Birthday Bash 2018](#). The celebration will be held Sunday, March 11 at the historic Globe Theater in downtown Los Angeles. The Globe Theater is located at [740 S. Broadway](#) and the event starts at 7:00 p.m.

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Premier event host Kevin Rouse and comedienne Luenell

“The Bootsy Collins Players Ball Hi-On-Heels House Party and Video Shoot,” presented in association with Honeycomb Entertainment Productions and held at Ohm Nightclub in Hollywood this past January, launched the year in a big way for Rouse House Entertainment. In a rare West Coast appearance, the heroic bass god himself, William “Bootsy” Collins, was joined by the legendary hip-hop personality Bishop Don Juan, alongside celebrity friends and family as he shot a video for his new single release, “Hi-On-Heels.” The video release will serve to memorialize the magic of that evening.

Rouse, along with business partner, Pernell Clark, is reputed for producing one of the largest “All Black Attire” events in the country, held for the past several years at the prestigious Walt Disney Concert Hall and the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. This year, however, the duo will take a break from the Black Party and focus on Rouse’s “LA Night” event. “LA Night” launches this year with the best of the best in comedy, live entertainment and DJ fueled dancing, offering what Rouse calls, “A Live Fresh New Perspective.”



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Also, this July, Rouse and his lovely wife Schvone Rouse, along with business partner Jaysee Coney, will host their annual community affair, "The Light Bright Damn Near White Gala 2018 Nobody Parties like Pacoima" affair. This significant gathering honors Pacoima's coaches, sports figures and community leaders and donates a portion of the event proceeds for uniforms and equipment for the community's little league teams.

Rouse has been successfully producing quality entertainment for over 20 years at some of Los Angeles' premier venues, including the Walt Disney Concert Hall, the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, OHM Nightclub and the Globe Theater. Plan to join him by checking out the links below for more event information:

<http://www.theloop411.com/eblast/luenellbirthday2018.html>

<https://ffmarchmadness.eventbrite.com>

Dave Chappelle Will Host The 2018 Roots Picnic



Dave Chappelle will host the 2018 Roots Picnic taking place June 2nd in their Philadelphia hometown at the Festival Pier. Brandy, The Diplomats and 2Chainz are some of the headliners for the event.

Black Thought and J.Period will have a live mixtape session featuring Fabolous and Jadakiss.

This year will debut the Podcast Stage with live shows from Angela Rye, Questlove and Drink Champs.

[Tickets](#) for The Roots Picnic go on sale Friday but there are presales being offered now.

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