

Chaka Khan, Ledisi, Lisa Fischer, Lalah Hathaway, Sheila E., India. Arie, Brenda Russell, Siedah Garrett, Patti Austin, Terri Lyne Carrington & Dee Dee Bridgewater To Appear In TWIST2020 Voter Participation Campaign & Event



Chaka Khan, Ledisi, Sheila E., Lisa Fischer, Dee Dee Bridgewater, India.Arie, Lalah Hathaway, Patti Austin, Terri Lyne Carrington, Siedah Garrett and Brenda Russell have formed TWIST(Tuff Women In Strange Times) a supergroup of women artists to rally voter participation for the 2020 election. Activist, author and professor Angela Davis will appear in a series of videos encouraging voting under the TWIST2020 banner. The campaign has started with a video of the late Maya Angelou and it can be viewed at www.twist2020.com, [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). There will be a live event on October 20th titled This Is Why I Vote at 8PM ET that can be viewed on www.twist2020.com, [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). Viewers are encouraged to use #WeAreTWIST2020 on social media.Â

TWIST2020 will feature daily portraits from each artist regarding the theme "This Is Why I Vote?" referencing the women who inspired them to take political action. Sheila E. and Terri Lyne Carrington created music for each video in the

series. There will also be an all-star video version of the song “L.O.V.E.(Let One Voice Emerge)” previously composed and recorded by Austin, Garrett and others for the Voter Participation Center voter registration campaign in 2013.Â Â

Austin, who is the brainchild behind TWIST, says the campaign is to remind voters particularly women of the historic power they have to make a difference especially in light of September 18, 2020, passing of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. She says, “We’ve all got incredible stories about a school teacher, our mother, or her mother, or just other powerful women that influence our lives. We’ve got this election coming up. We have the power of the world in our hands, given to us by the women who came before us.”

Patti Austin, Tammy McCrary, Julie Bergman and Gwendolyn Quinn are the producers of TWIST2020.Â

Ledisi: The Wild Card Album Stream



Ledisi delivers her eighth studio album *The Wild Card*. The singer has returned to her roots as an independent artist and a purveyor of funk and soul. She recorded most of the album before the pandemic and there are guest appearances from Sa-Roc Corey Henry. She told *Rolling Stone* that her inspiration was brown liquor, juke joints, Luther Vandross and Chaka Khan. The video for “Anything For You” came out in the Spring. Now the only thing left is for the New Orleans’ native is to schedule a streaming show.Â

Media Questions Of The Week

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Was it more appropriate for Nas to criticize a male rapper on "Ultra Black" instead of Doja Cat who is a pop star?Â

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– Marianne Williamson (@marwilliamson) [August 15, 2020](#)

What will be done about President Trump's tampering with postal services before the upcoming election?

"...major labels bear responsibility for limiting R&B's reach. They're unwilling to imagine the genre occupying a different place in the music ecosystem, where "pop" is at the top & everything else is a second-class citizen." <https://t.co/km88iMvodk> via [@RollingStone](#)

– Craig Seymour, Black gay music critic (@craigspoplife)
[August 14, 2020](#)

Are Charlie Wilson, Ledisi and Anthony Hamilton right to go independent because record labels have such a limited vision for the marketing of the genre?Â

JosÃ© James Announces New Album & Releases New Song I Need Your Love With Ledisi & Christian Scott aTunde Adjuah



JosÃ© James announced his new album *No Beginning No End 2* today and shares “I Need Your Love” featuring Ledisi and trumpeter Christian Scott aTunde Adjuah. The romantic song will be on the album that has appearances from Aloe Blacc, Laura Mvula, Lizz Wright and more. *No Beginning No End 2* is the sequel to his 2013 Blue Note debut *No Beginning No End*. He admits to being encouraged by his fans:Â

“I wrote a thing on Instagram saying I was thinking about No Beginning No End 2Â and people went insane. They wrote thousands of comments about how the first one changed their life. I don’t sit around and think ‘my work is so important’ so that was kinda nice.”

The new album will be released on March 6th on James’s Rainbow Blonde Records.Â Â

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