



DIANNE REEVES

CHRISTMAS TIME IS HERE PROGRAM NOTES

Five-time Grammy winner Dianne Reeves is the pre-eminent jazz vocalist in the world today. Her singing draws upon a world of influences; as a result of her improvisational gifts and unique R&B and jazz stylings, Reeves was awarded the Grammy for *Best Jazz Vocal Performance* for three consecutive recordings—a Grammy first in *any* vocal category.

Reeves has recorded with Daniel Barenboim and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and was a featured soloist with Sir Simon Rattle and the Berlin Philharmonic. She has also recorded and performed extensively with Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra.

In late 2004, Dianne's first holiday recording *Christmas Time is Here* was released, about which Ben Ratliff of *The New York Times* wrote "Ms. Reeves, a jazz singer of frequently astonishing skill, takes the assignment seriously; this is one of the best jazz Christmas CD's I've heard." Reeves added with a smile, "The search for songs took longer than it took to make the record."

A frequent performer at The White House and the first vocalist to ever perform at the famed Walt Disney Concert Hall, Reeves was also the first Creative Chair for Jazz for the Los Angeles Philharmonic. She can be seen in George Clooney's award winning *Good Night, and Good Luck*, and she sang every song on the Grammy-winning soundtrack recording.

This evening, Reeves will focus on selections from *Christmas Time is Here*, a recording so musical and pleasurable that it falls into that rare category of Christmas albums—it's simply a great record. "I love the big gray December sky hovering outside my kitchen window when it's Christmas," said Reeves. "Inside, I'm cooking for about thirty people with mellow music in the background. It's the time for me to cook, sit back, relax and float." Well, sit back and relax, because tonight, Christmas time is...*here*.

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