

Ginger & Blue

Jazz vocalist Ginger Garner teams up with Blue Moon Jazz in concert Jan. 23

The Flame Event Centre and Eastern Carolina Jazz will continue their Sunday concert series in New Bern, with the first event of the season Sunday, Jan. 23, featuring vocalist Ginger Garner with Blue Moon Jazz.

The doors of the Flame Restaurant and Banquet Centre, 2301 Neuse Blvd., New Bern, open at 5 p.m. and the music starts at 6 p.m.

General admission is \$15. Tickets are at Bank of the Arts in Downtown New Bern and New Bern Farmer's Market, or call 252-649-0109 for advance tickets. Tickets will be at the door but advance reservations are recommended.

John Van Dyle opens the evening and the event will finish with a jam session featuring a host of special guests.

Ms. Garner is a singer and musician, able to cross genres of music from jazz and soul, to bluegrass and folk.

A native of North Carolina, her early musical roots are grounded in gospel, soul, and folk music. She learned

how to improvise harmony from the time she could stand and speak, gathered around the family piano every Sunday with her aunt and grandfather.

Beyond family, her musical influences include Patty Griffin, Eva Cassidy, Billie Holiday, and Ella Fitzgerald.

Ms. Garner has performed for UNC-Wilmington, at the Lincoln Center, on radio, television, and in numerous mission travels across the United States from Alaska to New York City.

Last summer, Ms. Garner was featured in Smoke's Supper Club's sold out concert "A Tribute to Billie Holiday," and audiences here have been eagerly awaiting her return.

Appearing with Ms. Garner will be Blue Moon Jazz, featuring pianist Tony Ray, Glenn Point Jr. on drums and Tony Moseley on bass.

As always, delicious food and beverage selections will be available as well. Chef Smoke is busy working on a special buffet for the event and the staff is gearing up for another great evening.

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