

JaZZ in the Gallery Presents The Three Jazz Divas: *Lauren Hooker, Carrie Jackson & Nancy Nelson*

Saturday, February 1 at 8 PM, Upper Gallery



Tickets are \$16 in advance, \$20 (\$18 for WAC members, \$10 for students) at the door. You may purchase tickets securely through [Eventbrite](#). For more information call 908-753-0190 or [e-mail us](#)

Lauren Hooker, Carrie Jackson, and Nancy Nelson, who have all previously graced the stage at the WAC, will each bring her own distinctive style to an evening exploring the extensive, exhilarating world of vocal jazz. The talent, artistry, and vocal mastery of these Three Jazz Divas will be on full display.

A rhythm section consisting of **Fred Fischer**, piano, **Ron Naspo**, bass, and **Nick Scheuble**, drums, will accompany the singers. Ms. Jackson will be accompanied by pianist **Noriko Kamo**.

A dessert reception will follow the concert, providing an opportunity to meet the performers.

Lauren Hooker, originally from Plainfield, NJ, appears regularly as a solo pianist/vocalist, as well as a singer leading her own quartet. She has been featured on a number of radio and television shows including NJN Public Television's State of the Arts: "Abstractions in Music, Art and Theater" filmed live at the Cape May Jazz Festival and on BCAT "Brooklyn Sings, Brooklyn Swings Series" shown throughout New York's five boroughs. Ms. Hooker has performed or recorded with some of the best in the business including Rufus Reid, Vic Juris, Bucky Pizzarelli, Reggie Workman and Billy Holiday's former pianist, Mal Waldron.

Carrie Jackson is a New York-based vocalist and rekindles thoughts of America's great jazz history. She attributes her vocal technique to the Great Ladies of Jazz, Sarah "Sassy" Vaughan, Ella Fitzgerald, Nancy Wilson, Billie Holiday, Dinah Washington, and Carmen McRae, taking a bit of each to create a style that is uniquely her own. With her multifaceted singing style, Carrie can harmonize swing, scat, swing standards with sweet soul, wail the blues, ballads, or Gospel, all complemented by her engaging stage presence and graceful moves. Carrie has a wide range with a strong command of the classic elements of jazz vocalizing.

Nancy Nelson grew up in Summit, NJ, and began singing jazz professionally at age 17. She has performed with Gene Krupa, Teddy Wilson, Bobby Hackett, Eddie Condon, and many others. Her jazz engagements have included the Royal Box at the Americana Hotel and the world-famous Rainbow Room in New York City. Locally, Nancy performs regularly at Shanghai Jazz Restaurant in Madison, and freelances with many other jazz groups and big bands throughout the area. She has been the featured vocalist with Marty Eigen's Beacon Hill Jazz Band for the last seven years, and sings in the