

Buffet Dinner Menu

Hors D'oeuvres

Smoked Salmon Canapé

Chicken Salad on an Endive Boat

Mini Portabella Mushrooms stuffed with Ratatouille

Salad

Mixed Greens Salad

with Cherry Tomatoes, Parmigiano Cheese

Roasted Garlic Vinaigrette

Entrée

Poitrine de Poulet

Roasted Chicken marinated in an assemblage of

Fresh Herbs Sauce Velouté

Amidon

Rice Pilaf

Greens peas, carrots and mushrooms

Vegetables

Haricot Vert, Baby Carrots, Julienne Red Bell Pepper

Sautéed in Shallot Butter

or

Vegetarian Entrée

Penne Vegetarian Pasta

Julienne Red and Green Bell Pepper, Scallions,

Shiitake Mushroom in Black Truffle Oil

Desserts

Assorted Mini Cupcakes

Double Chocolate Chip Brownies

Sweet Potato Pie

Seasonal Fruit Platter

LA VOIX STUDIO PRESENTS

8TH ANNUAL WINTER

MUSIC CONCERT & DINNER EVENT



9 December 2018 • 4:00PM

Sherman Oaks Woman's Club Banquet Hall, Los Angeles

Welcome

Message From the Hosts

We would like to officially welcome you and thank you for joining us for our 8th Annual Winter Music Concert & Dinner Event!

Tonight will be filled with fun activities like taking pictures at the Step N Repeat backdrop, Cocktail hour with Drinks and Hors d'oeuvres, a VIP package Seated Gourmet Dinner catered by Spicy Charlie's Catering, Open Bar, to winning Raffle Prizes, a Show of Student Performers, Dancing with a DJ, a "surprise" Honoring Tribute Ceremony, and a small token Gift bag to take home and remember us by!!!

It is such a great opportunity to meet others in the community over a wonderful gourmet dinner & with musical performances. Since this is our second off-site event, this event has been a collaborative effort between our students, family, friends, teachers and staff.

Thank you for your support and being a part of our studio family!



LA VOIX STUDIO

4344 Laurel Canyon Boulevard Suite 4 Studio City CA, 91604

Sunday December 3rd, 2017

4:00pm - 8:30pm

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Special Thanks To:

VOLUNTEERS

Pamela Vincent	Annie Hixon	Pranav Venkatesh
Gerald Greene	Patricia Phillips-Brown	Jyothnsa Venkatesh
Shaun G. Phillips	Dave Brown	Venky Chakravarty
Pat Colbert	Pranathi Venkatesh	Scherrie Payne
Marvin Marshall	Paula Montgomery	

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VENUE

Thank you to the Sherman Oaks Woman's Club for hosting us.
4808 Kester Ave Sherman Oaks CA, 91403

ANNOUNCEMENT - SAVE THE DATE

Next Year Our 9th Annual Winter Music Concert And Dinner Event
Will Be Sunday December 8, 2019 At 4:00pm. Save the Date!!

A THANK YOU NOTE

A big Thank you to all the teachers, students, staff, friends and family who came out to support. We sincerely thank you all for being a part of our studio family. See you next year Dec 8th!!!

V.I.P. Dinner Menu

Salad

Frisée & Mâche

Lightly toasted Almonds, Feta Cheese
with Blueberry Vinaigrette

Appetizer

Three Prawns with Micro Greens

Spicy Avocado, Mustard Sauce
& Cocktail Sauce

Entrées

Osso Buco

Red Wine Braising Au Jus, assorted Herbs
Brown Butter Pomme Puree, Market Vegetable Bundle
and Shiitake Mushrooms

or

Pan Seared Sea Bass

Lemongrass Beurre Blanc, Brown Butter Pomme Puree with assorted Herbs
Market Vegetable Bundle and Shiitake Mushrooms

Desserts

Canele Cherry Flambé

Canelés, Vanilla Ice Cream on a bed of sliced Orange,
assorted Berries, Mint Leaves

Event Timeline



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8TH ANNUAL

Winter Music Concert & Dinner Event

Take a Picture at the Step n' Repeat!	Anytime
Cocktail Hour	4:00PM
Viewing Raffle Items Display & Purchases	Anytime-7:15pm
Buffet Opens	4:45pm
Show time	5:30pm
Buffet Closes	6:30PM
Show Ends/Last Call To Purchase Raffle Tickets	7:00PM
Special Guest Performances	7:00PM
Raffle Announcements at the end of the Show	7:30-7:45PM
Dancing With DJ	7:45-8:30PM
Last Call - Bar Closes	8:00PM
Goodnight! ...Don't forget your Token Bags	8:30PM

Save The Date &

We'll See You Next Year Sunday December 8, 2019!

RAFFLE TICKETS

VIEW OUR GOURMET RAFFLE BASKETS At The Raffle Station

INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING A RAFFLE BASKET AND PURCHASE YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS AT THE RAFFLE TABLE OR FROM A VOLUNTEER BEFORE THE END OF THE SHOW!

\$ 15.00 - One Ticket

\$ 35.00 - Three Tickets

\$ 55.00 - Five Tickets

\$ 80.00 - Seven Tickets

\$ 125.00 - Ten Tickets

\$ 165.00 - Fifteen Tickets

\$ 200.00 - Twenty Tickets

WE ACCEPT CASH & CREDIT CARDS

Visit the raffle table for more details



For more information regarding Spicy Charlie's Full Service Event Catering, please visit www.spicycharlies.com

Personal Chef Service

Spicy Charlie's personal chef service is designed to offer affordable and delicious dishes for family meals and special occasions, prepared in the privacy of your home to reflect your culinary tastes and needs.

It is difficult to eat tasty home cooked, or quick and easy meals on the go that are not infused with preservatives, etc. Spicy Charlie's provides healthy, delicious meals, prepared in your home to meet your culinary needs. Contact Spicy Charlie's to discuss your personal chef options.

What We Offer

When you work with Spicy Charlie's, you select the type of service you need: Weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly service that will provide you entrees - with selected two sides and the number of servings per entrée.

Service includes:
Initial food consultation
Menu preparation
Grocery shopping
Meal preparation in your home
Clean Up



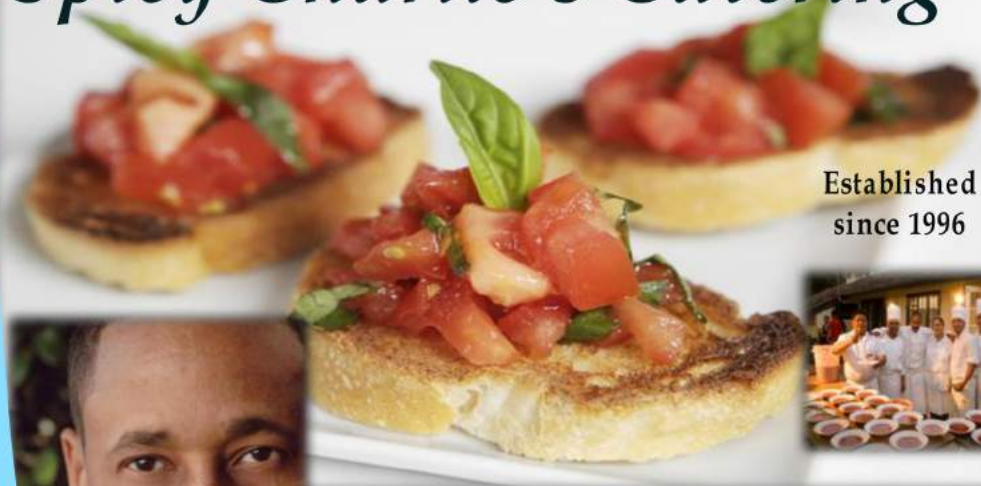
Our Goal

Our goal is to discover and interpret the needs and preferences of our clients. After the initial consultation that takes into consideration budget, food preferences, ambiance, and location, we present a custom menu proposal that is designed to be explored and enhanced until it eclipses every expectation to surprise and delight. Spicy Charlie's has access to some of the world's most innovative chefs, so we are constantly growing, and creating new variations on a theme, to keep our menus fresh and dazzling.

Our chefs have an appreciation for working with only the freshest ingredients, i.e., fruits and vegetables in season, stocks and sauces made from scratch, artisan breads, oils, and cheeses, aged prime beef hand cut on location, and only the freshest seafood catches of the day.



Spicy Charlie's Catering



Established
since 1996



What We Do

Spicy Charlie's offers a full-service catering that includes Food, drinks, staff, party rental equipment and event planning. We cater weddings, canapé receptions, buffets, anniversary parties, and company events. Spicy Charlie's works closely with his clients to ensure each event reflects their taste and style.

Cooking Classes

Spicy Charlie's offers our clients the opportunity to work with professional chefs to learn how to create and serve special dinners and lunches of their choosing.



Executive Chef Charles Eugene

Executive Chef Charles Eugene cultivated his love of cooking while growing up in the West Indies. He attended Johnson & Wales University and has worked for the Regent Beverly Hills as well as the Jonathan Club in Los Angeles.

Charles Eugene is not only a chef, he has earned a BA and an MA from CSUN, he is becoming a scholar by earning a second MA in the Art of Teaching from the University of So. California.

Spicy Charlie's Catering Inc. has been operating since 1996.

For a decade, Spicy Charlie's has endeavored to build a business that both delights and pampers our clients. Spicy Charlie's has catered for celebrities, sports figures, production companies, international and political figures as well as the neighbor next door.

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Order Annual Events Film

You can now place your order for a copy of this year's 2018 8th Annual Winter Music Concert film of the entire show. Also there are still a few copies left of last year's 2017 show which can be ordered as well while supplies last.

DVD Price:

\$25.00 DVD of This Year's 2018 Show

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Choose DVD or Digital Download (2018 only)
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Show Line Up

Order of Performances

Edgar Wallace Jr.	Saxophone Instrumental Music
Jade Kaufman	Love You I Do from Dreamgirls
Anita Lee	Never Alone by Tori Kelly ft. Kirk Franklin
Special Honoring & Tribute Presentation to	Reggie Dozier with a Video Presentation and Golden Icon Award Presentation
Mikaela "Mika" Gezel	Sycamore Girl by Rex Orange County
Josh Torres	My Way by Frank Sinatra
Claudia Gainer	Blue Ain't Your Color by Keith Urban
Annie Roe Hixon	I'll be Home For Christmas by Donna Summer
Gerald Greene	I've Got to Let Her Know (Dennis Greene & Gerald Greene original)
Pranathi Venkatesh	Stay by Rihanna
Chansopavathiy Mary Srey a.k.a Livid X	Are You Happier? by Livid X [original]
Pepz Javier	Up to the Mountains
Caroline Patz	Blue by Leann Rimes

Next Show & Musical Productions in 2019!



Spring Show - Visit lavoixstudio.com to view the event Gallery of our Spring Jazz Show May 2018 and to also see updates regarding the Spring Show 2019.



Summer Musical - "No Hero To Be Found" written by Scherrie Payne. No Hero To Be Found is a stage play about a group of homeless young teens, while struggling to survive on the streets of Hollywood, incur murder and mayhem. For more information regarding Play Production Workshop auditions in 2019, please visit lavoixstudio.com.

STUDENT PERFORMERS



Jade Kaufman

Jade Kaufman is very excited to perform this evening and be part of such a magical place where one can truly find their voice. To date her favorite role has been Elle Woods in Legally Blonde. She recently released her first EP, "Someone to Call My Own" and her two singles, "Someone to Call My Own" and "Goodnight LA". Both songs including the EP are available on FB, Instagram and iTunes under Jade White Music, you can also visit www.jadewhitemusic.com.



Pranav Venkatesh

Pranav Venkatesh is an aspiring 16-year-old actor, singer, and musician. At the age of 9 he started pursuing music, and began taking lessons at La Voix Studio. In addition to vocal lessons, he also began to learn how to sight read, along with learning guitar and piano taught by Jim Gilstrap. By the age of 11, Pranav also found a great passion for acting, as he got picked up by an agency. Currently, Pranav is in the 11th grade, and is pursuing acting and auditioning frequently for television shows and movies. He also is very involved in singing and song writing and is working on original music. Pranav hopes to pursue a future in entertainment, music and acting.

Show Line Up

Order of Performances

Priscilla Lee	Good Good Father by Chris Tomlin
Darnell Johnson	Mary Did You Know
Ayanna "Annie" Tihun	No Good For You by Megan Trainor
Norio Chalico	Sade (Mash Up Cover of) "Sweetest Taboo & Flowers of the Universe
Morgan Ashley	And Then by Annie Marie
Kayla Lorraine Comerford	Once by Maren Morris Feat. Alica Keys
Mikaella Lukaban "Mikaella"	I'm Gonna Make you Love Me
Pranav Venkatesh	Baby be Mine by Micheal Jackson
Special Honoring & Tribute Presentation to	Freda Payne with a Video Presentation and Golden Icon Award Presentation
Scherrie Payne	This is My Life by Bruno Canfora
Finale Performance	Winter Boogie Wonderland by Pamela Vincent and Hollywood Dawkins

Meet Our La Voix Studio Instructors



**Shoshana
Payne**



**Freda
Payne**



**Jim
Gilstrap**



**Scherrie
Payne**



**Pamela
Vincent**



**Marvin
Marshall**



**Joyce
Vincent**

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Student Performers



**Darnell
Johnson**

Born in St. Louis Mo. 1954 Sept24...Raised in Compton ca... in a great neighborhood... worked since 15 yrs old.... Most my jobs were and is people oriented... Always did a lil singing in the neighborhood.... Once sung for Brook Benton at his home in Baldwin Hills, Ca.

A romantic, dreamer at heart, lover of harmony... music is a part of who I am... Not what I do... Currently working as stylist/hair-cutter In downtown Burbank, Ca at Richard's Hair Salon



Morgan Ashley

Morgan Ashley is an actress, singer, songwriter and creative writer. She currently has a recurring acting role on the BET television show, "Beauty and the Baller", and is the youngest cast member. She was in a four-girl singing group for two years, and they appeared in many top industry shows and were offered two record contracts, though they didn't sign.

Morgan showed performing talents the age of two, and by three, she expressed an interest to be on television. The following year, her mother enrolled her in the famed Alliance Theater acting program in Atlanta, Georgia.

Student Performers



Norio is a Houston born artist based in Los Angeles. Currently crafting and cultivating phot, video, art direction, styling, set design, singing, modeling, and acting.

Norio Chalico



Kayla is a singer who puts her heart and soul into every performance as music and song are her passions. She has enjoyed vocal lessons, acting classes, and dance instruction in an effort to broaden her skills. She has performed in many shows highlighting her skills. She demonstrated both her singing and acting talents in the musical "The Dreamseekers" where she was a last minute replacement and took on the challenge of getting up to speed in 2 days' time. She performed in last years Winter Show, this years jazz show, and is now performing in her second Winter Show. In the past year, she has been studying many different genres of music to widen her range and versatility even further and has improved extensively. She is in the process of creating her own YouTube Channel to share her talent on a regular basis, starting in 2019. Stay tuned!

Kayla Lorraine
Comerford

Musician Performer



Edgar
Wallace jr.

Saxophonist Edgar Wallace Jr. is from Detroit, Michigan. He's also a writer, producer, actor, commercial print model, and music video director. Dynamic and smooth describe the memorable melodies that emit from the saxophone of Edgar Wallace Jr. A mixture of modern jazz, and "I need to get up and groove" rhythms provide the foundation for Edgar's current project.

Edgar's previous nationally distributed c.d. entitled "On The Beach" was self-produced and written. It is available on iTunes as well other digital outlets.

Student Performers

(not in order of appearance)



Anita Lee

Anita Lee is a singer-songwriter and resides in Globe, Arizona, where she enjoys performing at local gigs, showcasing both her keyboard, guitar and vocal skills. She has extensive classical piano training which has paved the way for her creative pursuits in vocal performance. Anita loves to share her love for music by volunteering her expertise at the local youth theater program.

Student Performers



Mikaela Gezel

Mikaela is 13 years old and has been playing piano for 8 years and singing for 3 years. In her spare time, she likes to draw, paint, and read books.



Claudia Gainer

Claudia Gainer is a 9th grader at Santa Fe High school. She started singing at a young age. Her first singing coach was Mrs. Seward at the "Seward School Of Music" where she was given "The Certificate Of Performance." During elementary Claudia joined La voix studios so she could be able to continue her music during this period of time and is still at la voix studios as of currently and hopes to continue. When Claudia got in to middle school she decided to join the choir and was in the choir through her whole middle school years performing at different places. Claudia has also contributed in a play. As of currently Claudia has joined one of the 4 choirs in her high school and is hoping to continue choir for the rest of her high school experience.

Student Performers



Gerald Green

Actor/ Musician/ Author, Gerald Greene has been on the music scene for many years. Gerald plays the harmonica and drums. Gerald has the following songs on iTunes for download: "Father Of Love," "Yesterday Love," "The Genesis Of Genesis," and "Here At The Throne Of Grace." Gerald is a member of the SAG/AFTRA and Equity Unions. He has appeared on "Law and Order," and recently on "Harry's Law." Gerald has penned three books, "Let Me Be A Vessel," "Heart Towards Home," and "Off The Record."



Chansopavathiy Marz Srey a.k.a Livid X

Livid X is a singer-songwriter born in Long Beach, California and raised in a small community North of California. As a young child, she was always intrigued by music and tried to find some way to get involved in it. She started writing poems at the age of 10 to help express her emotions. Since then, she's used songwriting as a way to heal her soul. Her biggest musical influence is the late R&B princess Aaliyah Dana Haughton. She's also heavily influenced by a lot of 90s R&B artists such as Keith Sweat, Jon B, R. Kelly, Mariah Carey, SWV and Destiny's Child to name a few. You can find her music under "LividX" on all streaming platforms such as Spotify, Itunes, Apple music, Tidal, etc. You can also connect with her on all social media platforms under the username "iamlividx"

Student Performers



Priscilla Lee

Priscilla is excited to be performing tonight. She is a preschool teacher for students with special needs in east LA. She enjoys using music to help her students reach their maximum potential. Come watch her perform live in Room 7, rocking out to Wheels on the Bus and Little Red Caboose, every morning at 8:45!



Pranathi Venkatesh

Pranathi is 21 years old and a student at Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (FIDM). She is currently studying business management along with design. She has been taking piano lessons from Jim Gilstrap for the past 2 years, along with vocal lessons from Shoshana Payne. She hopes to develop and improve her singing skills, along with advancing on the piano. Even though she has recently begun her music training, Shoshana and La Voix Studios have always influenced Pranathi, as her brother, Pranav, has been part of it for the past 7 years. Pranathi has also been training in traditional Indian dancing (Bharatanatyam), along with Bollywood dance for the past 13 years.

Student Performers



Annie Roe Hixon

Annie Roe Hixon has been studying with Shoshana for over 9 years, with recent performances including La Voix Studio's Spring Jazz Show at the Federal Bar in North Hollywood and "The Dreamseekers," an original musical written by Scherrie Payne. At the Jazz Show, she performed "Someone to Watch Over Me" backed by an incredible professional band, and in "The Dreamseekers," she acted and performed both a solo and full cast songs four nights in a row as one of the lead roles of Sarah, alongside an amazingly talented ensemble cast and fantastic crew. Annie also works as a transcriber in the television industry and as a freelance writer and editor for scripts and online content, and you can contact her at 818 392 0067. She's excited to perform a holiday classic tonight and hopes you enjoy the show!



"Pepz" Javier

Dominican born and east coast bred Pepz is a multi-dimensional artist (singer, actor, and dancer) who loves to entertain and inspire. Returning for his third consecutive year at La Voix's Third Annual Winter Concert, Pepz is humbled and excited to be closing out 2018 doing what he loves most...performing live. After taking the majority of the year to focus on himself and his training, Pepz is excited to share with you the fruits of his labor with a performance that will be a heartfelt and sincere tribute to his late grandfather, who passed in late August. Feel free to connect with Pepz on social media (all accounts: @Pepz_Javier) and stay tuned to the release of his EP, Un-dress and his book Stop Killing Time in 2019.

Student Performers



Mikaella Lukban

Mikaella is a highschool junior who enjoys performing in her school's marching and jazz bands. She likes the violin, viola, piano, ukelele and acoustic guitar. Recently, she decided to go back to vocals and is grateful to La Voix Studios for awarding her a Fall partial scholarship.



Josh Torres

Ever since i was little, music was always in my ears and songs were coming out my mouth. Music is what i always fall back on, its what has kept me alive to this day. Theres nothing else in this world that i can possibly do that'll bring me happiness the way music does. It brings me joy when I'm sad. Makes me break out of my comfort zone, helps me in situations that eventually help me grow, & it helps me cope with things that i may feel alone in, but i know when i press play im not.

Student Performers



Caroline Patz

Caroline is so excited to be singing here tonight! She's grateful to Shoshana and her amazing singing lessons. Let's all send her supportive vibes for this big moment for her! (She's a little nervous)



Ayanna Tihun

Ayanna Tihun Sathrum I was born in Ethiopia on June 19th, 2005 with the given name Tihun by my birth mother, which means "let her be". On Dec. 5th, 2005 my mom held me in her arms for the first time in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and she named me Ayanna, which means "beautiful flower". my friends call me "Annie". I went home to Wisconsin and met my brother Erik, who was five at the time. My mom says one of her favorite moments was seeing me enthusiastically reach out for my brother when he shyly approached me. My brother and I have a strong bond. My mom says I was always singing. She has a video of me performing a song and dance that I made up in 3yr old gibberish on the picnic table with my play piano. I am also passionate about dancing. I started dancing when I was four and was on a dance team from ages 7-10. I lived in WI until I was 11. Then we moved here to the Valley. I was not happy at first, because I love my friends in WI so much. But now I'm happy and I have lots of friends in both places. I'm an eighth grader at the Millikan Middle School Performing Arts Magnet, and I'm in the musical theater program. Most important is how much I love my mom, my brother Erik and my dog Phoebe. Oh, and I am a fashion designer too! Ask me if you'd like to see some of my fashions, I'd love to show them to you.

**Thank you to all that contributed
in the video montage & presentation for
Freda Payne & Reggie Dozier**

Video Montage Production

Shoshana Payne

**Filming Video Interviews, Award Designing
& Coordinating Celebrity Videos**

Shoshana Payne, Jim Gilstrap, Scherrie Payne, Anthony Pechaco,
Shaun Payne, Charles Eugene, Freda Payne, Eric Iversen,
Reggie Dozier, Norma Madison, Zelmalean Warmack,
Susaye Greene, Shirley Washington, Venkatesh Chakravarty,
Annie Hixon, Joyce & Pamela Vincent.

Video Montage Voice Over & Editing

Gerald Greene, Shoshana Payne, Annie Hixon, Marvin Marshall

Celebrity, Friends and Family Videos

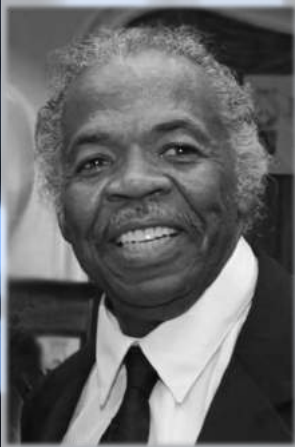
Freda Payne, Scherrie Payne, Joyce Vincent, Pamela Vincent, Susaye
Greene, Ray Parker Jr., Eddie Holland, Stephanie Powers,
Marvin Marshall, Reggie Dozier, Norma Madison, Zelmalean
Warmack, Eden Dozier, Tonia Dozier, Maria Dozier, Charles Eugene,
Gregory Abbott Jr., Deniece Williams, & Quincy Jones!!!



Special Tribute & Honoring Presentation



GOLDEN ICON AWARD HONOREE



Reggie Dozier, one of five siblings including his brother/partner Lamont, was born in Detroit Michigan is now at the pinnacle of his celebrated career, busy with an exciting mix of hand selected music projects. Since he first pushed the record button in 1958 he has made a noteworthy contribution as one of the founding architects of popular commercial music recording methods in the United States.

The man behind the recording console: *"To say that Reggie Dozier is one of the best Recording Engineers of our generation is a given. But what truly puts him in a league all his own is his unwavering integrity, pure passion for creating quality music and his dedication to teaching and mentoring four generations of Engineers. I have been fortunate to work with him on countless music projects and I'm blessed to call him a friend for over 40 years"*—Clarence McDonald, Producer / Writer / Keyboardist

REGGIE DOZIER – LEGENDARY ENGINEER has won 3 Grammy Awards and 11 Grammy Nominations. Reggie Dozier Masterful Engineer and Producer for Five decades, has been behind the recording console creating musical history with legendary artists at Warner Brothers, 20th Century Fox, United Artists, Universal Pictures, Motown, Atlantic, A&M Records, ABC, and Capitol Records.

A few of the world renowned artists he has worked with include: Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson, B.B. King, Diana Ross, Freda Payne, Gladys Knight, Lionel Richie, Johnny Mathis, Aretha Franklin, Phil Collins, Natalie Cole, Justin Timberlake, Beyonce, Kenny Rogers, Miles Davis, Patti LaBelle, Brian McKnight, Outkast, Mary J. Blige, The Four Tops, The Temptations, Bobby Bland, Marvin Gaye, the Isley Brothers, James Ingram, and Bobby Womack, just to name a few.

He was awarded the 2004 Grammy for Outstanding Engineering. His engineering work on Outkast's album *Speakerboxx/The Love Below*, For Universal Pictures, he engineered the soundtrack for the motion picture *Endless Love*. The classic title song sung by Diana Ross and Lionel Richie was nominated for an Academy Award. The song shot to #1 on the Billboard charts, and went on to be the best selling single of 1981.

La Voix studios congratulates Reggie Dozier on a legendary career in an industry known for innovation and excitement..

GOLDEN ICON AWARD HONOREE



Freda Payne born in Detroit, Michigan, developed an appreciation of music at an early age INFLUENCED BY sultry jazz singers [Ella Fitzgerald](#), [Sarah Vaughan](#), and [Billie Holiday](#). SHE attended schools alongside Aretha Franklin, Reggie & Lamont Dozier who would later end up catapulting her musical career.

Payne toured with Pearl Bailey's musical review right after high school. Her first album, was *After the Lights Go Down* for ABC's Impulse Records. She joined *the Quincy Jones Tour* alongside the Four Tops, Billy Eckstine, and Nipsey Russell. She also understudied for Leslie Uggams in Broadway's *Hallelujah Baby!* Freda appeared on the nationally televised Ted Mack's *The Original Amateur Hour*; featured on WJR radio's *Make Way for Youth*. and made appearances on *The Tonight Show* with Johnny Carson, *The Merv Griffin Show* and *The Dick Cavette Shows*; Payne hosted the talk show, *Today's Black Woman*, before joining the cast of Duke Ellington's *Sophisticated Ladies*. She also performed in the Equity Theatre production of *Lost in the Stars* which brought the young vocalist to the attention of several music-biz heavyweights. Payne also starred in productions of *Ain't Misbehavin'* with Della Reese, *The Blues in the Night*, and *Jellies Last Jam* with Gregory Hines and Savion Glover .

[Berry Gordy, Jr.](#) of Motown, and [Duke Ellington](#) were so impressed with her talent that both offered her contracts. Freda Payne was awarded her first gold record after signing with Invictus Records, headed by longtime friends/former Motown songwriters and producers [Eddie Holland](#), [Lamont Dozier](#), and [Brian Holland](#) with her breakthrough hit single, *BAND OF GOLD* that peaked at number three in the U.S. and topped the chart in the U.K. in 1970, Payne's other top hits included *Deeper and Deeper*, *You Brought Me Joy*, and the anti-war song, *Bring the Boys Home*.

The multi-talented [Freda Payne](#) is best known for her singing career, yet she has also performed in several movies over the years. As her star kept rising, Payne began touring the United Kingdom, Germany, and Japan. She has been featured on the cover of *Jet* magazine, dubbed *Dame of Malta* by the Knights of Malta, and the Sovereign Military and Hospital Order of St. John of Jerusalem by the Prince of Romania.

We want to honor Freda Payne who is still recording and performing to sold out shows all over the world. We're extremely proud to have her a part of the family and congratulate her on an incredible career.