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**Five-Time Grammy Award-Winning Jazz Vocalist
Dianne Reeves Offers Vocal Workshop in Wilmington**

Reeves will headline the Clifford Brown Jazz Festival on Friday, August 6th



Limited tickets are now on sale for a rare behind-the-scenes workshop event with legendary jazz vocalist [Dianne Reeves](#). Reeves will be in Wilmington for her headlining performance on **Friday, August 6th at the Clifford Brown Jazz Festival in Rodney Square**. Reeves's "Defining Your Voice" workshop will start with a sneak-peek at part of her rehearsal for her later Festival performance followed by an hour-long vocal workshop. The event is from **12:30 - 2:00 p.m. on Friday August 6th at Christina Cultural Arts Center**.

Reeves is the pre-eminent jazz vocalist in the world because of her breathtaking virtuosity, improvisational prowess, and unique jazz and R&B stylings. In 2018, Dianne was honored as an NEA Jazz Master, the highest honor that our nation bestows on jazz artists. She has performed at the White House on multiple occasions, including President Obama's State Dinner for the President of China.

This workshop is made possible by the [Christina Cultural Arts Center](#), Cityfest, Inc., and the City of Wilmington with funding support from the [Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation \(MAAF\)](#). The workshop is intended for musicians and vocalists with some performance experience. Tickets are \$35.00 and can be purchased at www.buytickets.at/cityfest.

Date: Friday, August 6, 2021

Time: 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Place: Christina Cultural Arts Center, 705 North Market Street

Tickets available at: www.buytickets.at/cityfest

A complete list of performers for the 2021 jazz festival is available at www.cliffordbrownjazzfest.org along with artist bios. Visit the festival Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cliffordbrownjazzfest/ and cityfestwilm.com for more information.

The Clifford Brown Jazz Festival is an annual tribute to the late jazz trumpeter [Clifford Brown](#), who was born in 1930 on Wilmington's east side. Also known as 'Brownie,' he died in 1956 at the age of 25 in an auto accident on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, leaving behind only a few years' worth of recordings. However, Brown's short life and limited work has had a considerable influence on later jazz trumpet players such as Arturo Sandoval, Donald Byrd, Lee Morgan, Booker Little, and Freddie Hubbard. Two of Brown's compositions, "Joy Spring" and "Daahoud," have become jazz standards.

Mayor Purzycki and Director Betz thank the festival's sponsors –Delmarva Power, An Excelon Company, the Kenny Family Foundation, the City of Wilmington, Cityfest, Inc., the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, New England Foundation for the Arts' National Dance Project, with lead funding from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and the Delaware Division of the Arts. Presenting Arts partners include the Christina Cultural Arts Center and the Delaware Art Museum.