



LAURIN TALESE

BIO

Naturally gifted, yet well studied, Laurin Talese has been captivating audiences with her voice since childhood. A Cleveland, Ohio native, she attended the Cleveland School of the Arts. After completing high school, Laurin relocated to Philadelphia where she attended the University of the Arts, and subsequently received a Bachelor of Music degree in vocal performance.

Although her greatest affinity is jazz, Laurin is versatile within many musical genres. She has shared the stage with numerous international recording artists including Bilal, Gregory Porter, Patti LaBelle, Robert Glasper, and Vivian Green, and has had the distinct pleasure of performing with renowned classical and jazz ensembles such as The Cleveland Orchestra, The Cleveland Jazz Heritage Orchestra, The Moses Hogan Chorale, and the internationally acclaimed Mozarteum Orchestra of Salzburg, Austria.

Laurin's talents have allowed her to travel the globe, performing in a host of national and international venues including The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Philadelphia's Academy of Music, the famed Apollo Theater, The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, and most recently in front of a sold-out crowd at the New Jersey Center for Performing Arts (NJPAC) in November 2018 when Laurin won the seventh annual Sarah Vaughan International Jazz Vocal Competition.

As a complement to her effortless vocal abilities, Laurin is a passionate songwriter. It is the union of her pure tone and poignant lyrics that excite her audiences and helps to define her sound. In 2016, she released her debut album, *Gorgeous Chaos*, to wide acclaim. Co-produced by Grammy-award winning drummer and producer, Ulysses Owens Jr. and Tony-award nominated bassist and music director, Adam Blackstone (BASSic Black Entertainment), *Gorgeous Chaos* made its debut on the Billboard Jazz Charts and received acclaim from AXS, All About Jazz, The Chicago Tribune, and other music outlets.

PRESS QUOTES

"Laurin's voice combines breathy intimacy with sharp clarity"

— Downbeat

*"True talent, like water, will rise and seek its own level. With a lifetime of readiness and recognizing opportunity, vocalist Laurin Talese brings a natural sense of self-awareness into *Gorgeous Chaos*, her riveting debut as a jazz chanteuse."*

— James Nadal, All About Jazz

"The album is delivered like a Valentine and Talese's voice carries the day, soaring with warmth, sincerity and an abundance of grace."

— Nick Bewsey, Counting Beats

"Gorgeous Chaos is a masterful body of music and an excellent debut project"

— AXS

"Some of the most luxuriant, sumptuously phrased jazz vocals you could hope to hear"

— Howard Reich, Chicago Tribune

"Laurin Talese has a voice like Christmas morning."

— The Philadelphia Inquirer

"Her work leaps off the page in a manner that no vocalist really has in a long time."

— Raul da Gama

"Laurin Talese has a knack for engaging her audience. The jazz sensation can induce a smile from the most cantankerous of listeners. She melts the room with her personality."

— The Jump

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