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**AVA LOGAN, "A JEWEL OF A VOCALIST," RETURNS TO THE  
SKOKIE THEATRE FOR AN EXCLUSIVE PERFORMANCE OF  
"LENA HORNE AND FRIENDS" FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY MARCH 20  
AT THE SKOKIE THEATRE**

Logan Salutes One of the Greats of the Twentieth Century and  
Her Contemporaries in an All-New Production.

CHICAGO, IL – Ava Logan, "A jewel of a vocalist" as Harry Porterfield of CBS 2 Chicago calls her, returns to the Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie in an all new performance "Lena Horne And Friends" Saturday, March 20 at 8 p.m. Ava Logan, veterinarian by day, busy jazz vocalist by night, pays her respects to one of the luminaries of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century with an evening of songs performed originally by Lena Horne and her contemporaries including Tony Bennett, Johnny Mathis, Etta James, Anita O'Day, Johnny Frigo, and others. Featuring classics like "Stormy Weather," "Wild is the Wind," to "Detour Ahead" and "At Last," "Lena Horne & Friends" will have something for every musical taste and background. Tickets are \$25 or \$30 at the door and are available now at [SkokieTheatre.org](http://SkokieTheatre.org) or by calling 847.677.7761.



Dr. Ava Logan may be the only veterinarian with degrees from Yale University and University of Pennsylvania who also receives praise for being a classically trained vocalist performing almost every genre including jazz, pop and rhythm and blues. She has been lauded for her numerous jazz vocal performances--performing abroad and throughout the United States as well as being featured at almost every jazz outlet in Chicagoland. Her stage appearances, including portrayals of Ella Fitzgerald and Nancy Wilson at the Black Ensemble Theatre, and her debut recording, "So Many Stars", have also garnered acclaim. Neil Tesser of WFMT-FM calls Ms. Logan "a fresh breath of old-school glamour, bringing sass and swing to the classic singer's repertoire while retaining the swanky class this material deserves."

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Ava Logan approaches this performance with a deep sense of respect and reverence for the performer and the songs being performed. Many of the songs performed reflect the significant events of Horne's life, the events that made her into a unique figure of the last century. A John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Honoree, multiple Grammy and a Drama Desk-winner, Tony and Emmy-nominee, Lifetime Achievement Awards in both the Songwriters Hall of Fame and the Grammy's, represented on the Civil Rights Walk of Fame; her life story spans the entire 20th Century and in many ways reflects the changing and growing of the nation. Horne made an impact on her own, starting in the chorus line at the famous Cotton Club, she later became a night club performer, a star of the Ziegfeld Follies and often performed the "show stopper" in movie releases from MGM. During the 1960's and 1970's, Horne adapted her skills to be a constant presence on television via variety programs and guest appearances. And in 1985, at the age when most people look to retirement, Horne opened "A Lady and Her Music" on Broadway. The show was a success. Horne still holds the record for the longest-running solo performance in Broadway history, and she took the show on the road touring Canada and Europe. Before her retirement at the end of the 1990's, Horne won another Grammy and released her final album at the age of 81. Horne's involvement in the American Civil Rights Movement is filled with milestones paralleling her entertainment career: she worked with Eleanor Roosevelt to pass anti-lynching laws, would not perform for segregated troops during World War II. She was at the March on Washington and spoke and performed for the NAACP, SNCC and the National Council of Negro Women. There was not a medium in which Horne did not perform or excel.

Tickets for Ava Logan performs "Lena Horne And Friends" Saturday, March 20 at 8 p.m. at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave, Skokie are \$25 or \$30 at the door and are available at [SkokieTheatre.org](http://SkokieTheatre.org). For more information call the Skokie Theatre box office at 847.677.7761. For more information on Logan or to purchase her CD, please **visit** [avalogan.com](http://avalogan.com)

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