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CAP UCLA Presents American Singer-Songwriter and Pianist Avery*Sunshine

Sunday, May 7 at 7 pm at The Theatre at Ace Hotel



"'Sunshine' is indeed a fitting stage name. Her material – a shimmery blend of jazz, soul, and gospel – drips with optimism and humour." — the Soul House

[LOS ANGELES — April 13, 2023] [UCLA's Center for the Art of Performance \(CAP UCLA\)](https://cap.ucla.edu) presents Avery*Sunshine at The Theatre at Ace Hotel on Sunday, May 7 at 7 pm. Ticket prices start at \$40 and are available now at cap.ucla.edu or by calling 310-825-2101.

One of the most talented and captivating soul performers of our time, Avery*Sunshine has received praise from icons like Aretha Franklin, Patti LaBelle, Berry Gordy and Boy George. Born Denise White in Chester, Pennsylvania, Avery's roots are deeply connected to the church and she brings people together through her uplifting and vibrant music, riveting performances, candid stage banter and optimistic anthems about life and love. For her upcoming performance at The Theatre at Ace Hotel, she will be accompanied by her Grammy Award-winning husband and guitarist, Dana "BigDane" Johnson. Avery*Sunshine's repertoire features a mix of soulful R&B grooves, sublime ballads and exuberant gospel music.

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Avery*Sunshine's career highlights include her #1 Billboard chart hit single "Call My Name" from her critically acclaimed album *The Sunroom*, the American Society of Composers, Artists and Publishers (ASCAP) Rhythm and Soul Song of the Year Award, and nominations for the Soul Train Award and BET Centric Award. She has also opened for B.B. King on a UK tour, performed on *The Jools Holland Show*, and had multiple performances for the late Aretha Franklin.

During the spring and summer of 2020, Avery, Dana and their youngest son performed several free *LIVE FROM THE CRIB* shows for several hundred thousand people helping to uplift spirits during the pandemic. As part of Avery's recognition of much of 2020's global concerns, she debuted the single "How Will You Remember Me" in June giving respect to those who fell victim to the pandemic and also to honor their loved ones as simultaneously the country was dealing with racial and social injustice.

Avery successfully created and launched her own makeup line LOU*MACK BEAUTY in late 2020. She and her husband also developed the *HEY SUNSHINE SHOW*, her own performance platform producing monthly live shows to share with her fans from the comfort of her own home.

The CAP UCLA 2023 spring programs continue on Thursday, May 11 with Quinteto Astor Piazzolla.

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The Theatre at Ace Hotel

929 S Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90015

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Artist's Website: [Avery* Sunshine](#)

ABOUT THE THEATRE AT ACE HOTEL DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES

The Theatre at Ace Hotel Downtown Los Angeles is Ace's loving reanimation of the historic United Artists Theater. Built-in 1927 for the maverick film studio founded by Mary Pickford, Charlie Chaplin and Douglas Fairbanks, The Theatre stands as a monument to a group of seminal American artists — modern iconoclasts striking out on their own. Ace's restoration of this majestic space serves as a singular stage for art, film, dance and creative celebration in the heart of the Broadway Theater District's vibrant modern renaissance. View all upcoming events at The Theatre at Ace Hotel DTLA at Theatre.AceHotel.com.

ABOUT CAP UCLA

[UCLA's Center for the Art of Performance](#) (CAP UCLA) is the public-facing research and presenting organization for the performing arts at the University of California, Los Angeles—one of the world's leading public research universities. We are housed within the UCLA School of the Arts & Architecture along with the Hammer and Fowler museums. The central pursuit of our work as an organization is to sustain the diversity of contemporary performing artists while celebrating their contributions to culture. We acknowledge, amplify and support artists through major presentations, commissions and creative development initiatives. Our programs offer audiences a direct connection to the ideas, perspectives and concerns of living artists. Through the lens of dance, theater, music, literary arts, digital media arts and collaborative disciplines, informed by diverse racial and cultural backgrounds, artists and audiences come together in our theaters and public spaces to explore new ways of seeing that expands our understanding of the world we live in now.

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