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Vocalist Vanessa Perea Pays Tribute to Sarah Vaughan at the *Music in the Moonlight Jazz Series* at Luna Stage.

On Sunday, December 11th at 7pm, at the second concert of the Luna Stage 2016-2017 *Music in the Moonlight Jazz Series*, vocalist Vanessa Perea will pay tribute to the legendary Sarah Vaughan, one of her musical heroes. Says Perea: "*Sarah Vaughan has been a huge influence on my career as a jazz vocalist. I continue to learn from her phrasing, style, pure sound, use of harmony in her improvising, ability to sing with small groups to big bands, and her femininity.*" Tickets for the 7pm concert on Sunday December 11th are \$18 in advance; \$20 at the door. To order tickets, call (973) 395-5551 or log onto lunastage.org.

In 2014, vocalist Perea released her first solo album, *Soulful Days*, on the Zoho Music label. *Jazz Times'* Christopher Loudon wrote that her interpretation of the Richard Whiting/Johnny Mercer standard, "Too Marvelous For Words", conveys "*a slithery sexiness worthy of Sarah Vaughan while weaving in some wickedly good scatting.*" *Jazzhistoryonline.com's* Thomas Cunliffe has praised Perea's "*combination of confidence and maturity*", predicting that she "*could become one of jazz's top vocalists in the near future.*"

Luna Stage is a small but mighty professional theatre company located in Essex County, NJ, just under 15 miles from New York City. Throughout the past 24 years, the company has earned a national reputation for developing and producing outstanding new plays and timely revivals and for taking on challenging and provocative subject matters in their work.

The Music in the Moonlight Jazz Series, currently in its sixth season, is curated by New Jersey Jazz Society Board member Sandy Josephson. The remainder of the 2016-2017 season will feature concerts by guitarist Paul Meyers/World on a String, February 26, 2017; and tenor saxophonist/flutist Don Braden, April 30, 2017. *The Music in the Moonlight Jazz Series* is sponsored by The Bob Cole Family Fund in memory of the great 20th century composer.

A proud member of Valley Arts, Luna Stage is located at 555 Valley Road, West Orange, NJ 07052. The theatre is handicapped accessible and offers assistive listening devices.