



## Singing your Blues away

**International Jazz & Blues artiste Diane Witherspoon makes her Indian debut at the NCPA**

**Press Release**

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**Mumbai, August, 2010:** Celebrate the nonchalance of Jazz and Blues this weekend as **The National Centre for the Performing Arts (NCPA)**, India's premier arts and culture institution, presents **Diane Witherspoon** — who will give her maiden performance in India on **Saturday, August 28, 2010 at 7pm** at the **Experimental Theatre, NCPA**.

Diane, along with her accomplished band members — Mint on the saxophone, Bhudinant (Mod) on piano, Lester C Esteban on drums and Teerawat Tunboot on bass — will mark her Indian debut with a swinging collection of jazz pieces such as “*The Very thought of You*” and “*L.A. After Dark*.”

Speaking on the occasion, **Mr Khushroo N Suntook, Chairman, NCPA**, said, “*The NCPA is becoming a preferred destination for many international performers. We take immense pride in presenting Ms Witherspoon to Mumbai. We have been trying to introduce new age music and new genres to the NCPA's bouquet of arts. You will see jazz feature more prominently in our future programmes.*”

Originally from Minneapolis, Minnesota, now residing in Los Angeles Singer, composer and producer Diane Witherspoon began singing as a child along with eight siblings, and often performed in her church choir. She attended Saint Olaf College and the University of Minnesota. She has taught music and conducted workshops for students in California public schools and in Tokyo, Japan. Diane has a soulful, personal sound that borrows elements of gospel and blues. Inspired by her sister, Shirley Witherspoon, a former Duke Ellington vocalist, and second cousin, Jimmy

Witherspoon, a legendary blues singer, Diane is now an international singer with over 20 years of experience.

Diane has recorded with Cedar Walton, Billy Higgins, John Heard, Teddy Edwards, and Kei Shibata to name a few. Her album includes "Latin Up", "Jazzological Muse-oetry", "Undercover or overexposed" and many more.

**Diane Witherspoon in Concert is presented by Tata Sons in support of the BSPCA.**

After Witherspoon's performance, the next performance on our Jazz calendar will be by one of the most acclaimed and charismatic Jazz Saxophonists in the world – **Joshua Redman**. The Joshua Redman Trio will perform on September 7th, 2010, at the NCPA, and on September 8th, 2010, at Blue Frog.

**About the NCPA:**

Inaugurated in 1969, the National Centre for the Performing Arts, Mumbai, exists to provide leadership on a national level as India's premier performing arts, research and training centre through the presentation of Indian and international art forms, the promotion of excellence and the preservation of Indian & International cultural heritage.

Daily Tickets: Rs.400 & 250/-

**Box Office**

**August 9 for members and August 12 for the public**

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