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American Funk and Soul Star Sharon Jones to Headline the 17th Annual Winter's Eve at Lincoln Square Presented by the Lincoln Square BID

From keeping the peace at Riker's Island to spreading joy in Lincoln Square, the Grammy nominated singer is sure to entertain the masses at New York's largest holiday festival – Monday, November 28, 2016



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New York, NY – October 27, 2016 – The [Lincoln Square Business Improvement District](#) (BID) is proud to announce that American funk and soul singer **Sharon Jones** will headline the main stage at Dante Park (Broadway and 63rd Street) and help light up the Upper West Side at the 17th Annual *Winter's Eve at Lincoln Square*. New York's largest holiday festival kicks off with the Upper West Side's only tree lighting on Monday, November 28, 2016, from 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The Grammy nominated star, who is currently on tour with her long-time band The Dap-Kings, a soul and funk band based in Brooklyn, New York, will lead an all-star lineup at *Winter's Eve* which is expected to attract more than 20,000 holiday revelers to the Lincoln Square area. The highly-anticipated **FREE** annual event promises a new and lively lineup of legendary performers, up-and-coming musicians, cultural entertainment, dancers, street entertainment and more to ring in the holiday season.

The prolific survivor that she is, Sharon Jones recently returned to the stage from a 2013 cancer diagnosis and bounced back with a 2014 Grammy nomination for her album, *Give the People What They Want*, and a new album of holiday classics—which she'll be showcasing at Winter's Eve—*It's A Holiday Soul Party*.

In 2013, Jones was forced to take a hiatus from performing after she was diagnosed with stage-two pancreatic cancer. A new documentary released in September, *Miss Sharon Jones!* by Academy Award-winning filmmaker Barbara Kopple, follows Jones in the first seven months after her diagnosis, spotlighting her battle and ultimately, her return to the stage. In September 2015, Jones revealed that her cancer had returned, but the singer and her band continued to persevere and perform regularly as she underwent chemotherapy.

Born in South Carolina and raised in New York City, the soul singer knew from the first time she sang in her church's Christmas play that she would become a musician. The family moved to the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York when she was a child. In 1975, she graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School and attended Brooklyn College.

Struggling to get a recording contract as a solo singer, Jones spent many years working as a corrections officer at Rikers Island and as an armored car guard for Wells Fargo Bank. She received a mid-life career break in 1996 and released her first record when she was 40 years old. She has since performed with John Legend, Michael Bubl , Prince, Stevie Wonder, Phish, Hall and Oates and many more in renowned concert venues all over the world. Now, come November 28, she will join the list of talented musicians who have headlined New York's largest holiday festival.

Winter's Eve offers genres and entertainment as diverse as the city itself. Additional renowned talent performing at the exciting festival includes: [Alicia Svigals](#); [Ikebe Shakedown](#); [Steven Bernstein](#); [Loston Harris](#); [Brady Rymer](#); [People's Champs](#); and many more.

All along Broadway from Time Warner Center to 68th Street, the neighborhood's sidewalks will be filled with activity which includes: more than 20 live music and dance performances, processional groups, multicultural dance troupes, ice sculptors, food tastings at nominal costs (\$1-\$4), and great family fun. Admission to Winter's Eve is free. Event attendees are also encouraged to bring and donate gently used or new coats of all sizes to Dante Park at 63rd Street and Broadway as part of the 26th Annual New York Cares Coat Drive. For more information about the Lincoln Square BID's Winter's Eve, please visit: www.WintersEve.nyc or call 212.581.3774.

LISTING INFORMATION

WHEN: Monday, November 28, 2016, 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Rain, Snow or Shine!

WHERE: The celebration begins with the lighting of the Upper West Side Holiday Tree in Dante Park at Broadway & 63rd Street and continues along Broadway from Time Warner Center to 68th Street.

BY SUBWAY: Take the 1, A, B, C, or D train to 59th Street/Columbus Circle or the 1 train to 66th Street and Broadway.

WEBSITE: www.WintersEve.nyc

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PHOTOS: For press in need of high resolution photos from 2015, you can download from this link:

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Winter's Eve at Lincoln Square is hosted and produced by the Lincoln Square Business Improvement District (BID), a not-for-profit tax-exempt organization that was formed in 1996 by property owners, businesses and others with a stake in this Upper West Side community. The mission of the Lincoln Square Business Improvement District is to make Lincoln Square cleaner, safer, and more beautiful, and to undertake various improvement projects focusing efforts on supplemental sanitation and security services; the beautification of public spaces, malls, and parks; and the promotion and marketing of the area's diverse business and cultural offerings. Members of the Lincoln Square BID include property owners, businesses, hotels, restaurants, leading retail establishments, both large and small, cultural institutions, public officials, and residents. For more information please visit www.lincolnsquarebid.org

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