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## Velvet Waterfalls: Orinda Jazz Festival, Aug. 17



Music lovers will be groovin' again on a Sunday afternoon when the Fourth Annual Orinda Jazz Festival kicks off at 2 p.m. Aug. 17 at the Orinda Library Auditorium. Headlining from 5 to 6 p.m. will be Amikaeyla Gaston, a multi-award winning vocalist whose style is "like listening to velvet waterfalls," according to MTV. Christened by NPR as one of the "purest contemporary voices," Gaston will present a free "Power of Sound" workshop for aspiring singers prior to her main performance.

The always sold-out event, which receives rave reviews annually for its eclectic range of offerings, will benefit the Orinda Arts Council. Other headliners scheduled to appear include two-time Grammy winner Mads Tolling; Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center flutist and vocalist Carol Alban; Marc Levine, who backed Dionne Warwick on bass; and Ben Flint, an ivory tickler for Isaac Hayes. Major sponsors include: the Orinda Community Foundation and Orinda Park and Recreation Foundation, Whole Foods Lafayette, Diablo Magazine, Orinda Chamber of Commerce, Aspen Consulting, Premier Cru, The Orinda News, Lafayette Park Hotel and Spa, and UPS (Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda). Tickets range from \$13 to \$50. Purchase online at: [www.OrindaJazzFestival.org](http://www.OrindaJazzFestival.org), or call (925) 255-5164. L. Snyder

Multi-award winning vocalist Amikaeyla Gaston will perform at the upcoming Orinda Jazz Festival. Photo provided

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