



JAZZSPACE

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New Organization Promotes Emerging Jazz Musicians in Pittsburgh *Debut Concert on Friday, August 17, 2012*

PITTSBURGH, PA (July 23, 2012) – Two rising jazz artists, **Anqwenique Wingfield and Joe Sheehan**, will present a full-length concert on Friday, August 17, 7:30 PM, at Mansions on Fifth Hotel in Shadyside. The two professional musicians were selected through a competitive application process to represent **JAZZSPACE**, a **new program** that supports the professional and personal development of emerging jazz artists in Pittsburgh. In addition to promotional support, the program awards each participant up to \$400 to spend towards their creative work.

WHAT: 2012 JAZZPACE Debut Concert

WHEN: Friday, August 17, 2012 at 7:30PM

WHERE: Mansions on Fifth Hotel, 5105 Fifth Avenue, Shadyside. Free valet parking.

TICKETS AND INFO: \$10-\$25. Visit www.jazzspace.com or call 412.254.3844.

Wingfield and Sheehan will present the full range of their musical dexterity, including originals, R&B, and traditional—all based in jazz—on August 17. “The Pittsburgh jazz scene is great, but sometimes it can be hard for us younger, lesser known musicians to get our foot in the door with the established venues. I really appreciate JAZZSPACE’s help in promoting my music and getting taken more seriously,” says vocalist Anwenique Wingfield.

Jazz vocalist **Maggie Johnson** founded **JAZZSPACE** in 2009 after receiving feedback from a study conducted at Carnegie Mellon’s Heinz College. Convinced there was an unmet need for practical support of Pittsburgh’s jazz musicians, she began building the program while working full-time as a nonprofit arts manager. The long-range plan expands the program to include a combined residential and performance space where resident musicians subsidize their housing costs by donating time and talent to community performances and workshops. In addition, residents will have priority access to state-of-the-art rehearsal/performance space, recording/sound equipment, and mentors in the jazz community. www.jazzspace.com

The Mansions on Fifth Hotel was selected as the location for the concert on August 17 because of its unique atmosphere and interest in supporting Pittsburgh jazz. “Like JAZZSPACE, it’s a celebration of old and new, past and present,” states Johnson. In 2005, the property was restored back to its original 1906 décor and renovated to become a full-service boutique hotel and reception venue with modern conveniences. www.mansionsonfifth.com

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