

# SERIOUS

## AYANNA

### Press Quotes

'The impressively talented leader offered a through written suite which incorporated a couple of [Nina] Simone's trademark songs and lots of elements of her musical world. Highlights included a spine-tingling rendition of Strange Fruit, Ayanna and her cello singing together – a sound to seek out again.' (Jazzwise)

'Cellist and singer Ayanna Witter-Johnson has to be heard to be believed. Her self-assured style blends a honey-sweet vocal delivery with bewitching, and bewildering, cello-playing.' (Time Out)

'Ayanna consistently has her audience enthralled. Hers is not a typical R&B voice; instead we get something of a pop, classical and jazz hybrid...She savours every syllable she sings, pours feeling into every lyric. The listener cannot help but connect as a result...(she) keeps it truthful, varied and stimulating. She is one of those artists whose shows make the audience feel all the more intelligent for merely being in attendance.' (The Other Side Magazine)

'Ayanna Witter-Johnson, a huge talent, returning from a year in New York was in great voice - like a young Cassandra Wilson would have sounded if she also happened to be a fine cellist.' (Jazzwise)

'...the depth of passion in Witter-Johnson's delivery really galvanised the appreciative audience...A warm, wonderfully intimate and near perfect gig. The ideal antidote to a hectic day.' (Latest Music Bar)

### For more information:

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