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PUCCI AMANDA JHONES

Jazz & Soul Vocalist
Bandleader · Storyteller

FIVE SPOT JAZZ · OCTOBER 2026

"From the moment the band opened with 'What Is This Thing Called Love' to your stunning vocal performance, you truly lit up the room. We loved having you perform at Five Spot Jazz. … I look forward to working with you again in the future."

— VINCENT HERRING · SAXOPHONIST · MUSICAL DIRECTOR, FIVE SPOT JAZZ

"A smoky alto that she loves to draw out in long, languorous syllables… in the tradition of Betty Carter and Ernestine Anderson."

— GEOFFREY HIMES · THE WASHINGTON POST

"Inventive readings of the standard songs… a compelling presentation that is anything but standard."

— SID GRIBETZ · JAZZTIMES

"A serious jazz swinger / singer who takes no prisoners… takes each ballad to another level emotionally."

— BOBBY SANABRIA · HIPNESS REPORT · BIRDLAND

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THE STORYTELLER

Born in Newark, New Jersey, she draws from the blues and jazz tradition inspired by her father, Horace Luke Wooten, blues singer, harmonicist, and self-taught pianist, who taught her to take her blues interpretations down to the cotton fields of the South.

Pucci is an original. She walks onstage and reshapes the standards from the inside; they become whatever she needs them to be that night. Sometimes tender, sometimes wicked, always swinging, the audience belongs to her within minutes. She mesmerizes the room, selling out venues from Birdland to Mezzrow to Bangkok to Russia.

She leads her own band. Her debut album, Sweet Dreams, was recorded with Kenny Barron. As a bandleader she changes things up on the stand in a heartbeat, keeping her musicians on their toes and the night unpredictable. She gives the band the freedom to groove to the intensity of the songs, and when the rhythm section throws her a curve, she catches it, bends it, sends it back swinging. Up-tempo burner or intimate ballad, she takes it somewhere the chart didn't promise.

A graduate of the New School with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Classical and Contemporary Music, she is also a SAG-AFTRA and Actors' Equity member, a visual artist, and an educator committed to mentoring the next generation.

PUCCI'S MUSICIANS

New York-based, road-ready. Pucci travels in a range of line-ups, from trio to quintet, to suit each room.

BOBBY SANABRIA
Drums

HILLIARD "HILL" GREENE
Bass

BERTHA HOPE
Piano

JOSEPH VINCENT TRANCHINA
Piano

STACY DILLARD
Tenor Saxophone

ERIC PERSON
Alto & Soprano Saxophone

TOMMY MORIMOTO
Tenor Saxophone

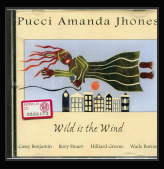
SHARED THE BANDSTAND WITH

Kenny Barron · Robert Glasper · Cindy Blackman Santana · Jacky Terrasson · Reggie Workman · Houston Person · Freddy Cole · Casey Benjamin · Dizzy Gillespie · Freddie Hubbard · Stanley Turrentine · John Stubblefield

DISCOGRAPHY



Debut Album
SWEET DREAMS
Featuring Kenny Barron



Studio Album
WILD IS THE WIND



Studio Album
LOVE, JHONES



Live Album
LIVE IN GREECE
Recorded live at the Half Note Jazz Club, Athens

Streaming on Apple Music · Spotify · YouTube Music · Tidal · Amazon Music · Pandora · Deezer

SELECTED VENUES

NEW YORK

Birdland · Blue Note · Smalls · Mezzrow · Five Spot Jazz · Minton's · Feinstein's · Lenox Lounge · Jazz at Kitano · Harlem Jazz Museum · Metropolitan Room

INTERNATIONAL

Sheraton Grande Sukhumvit, Bangkok (3-year residency) · Half Note Jazz Club, Athens · Renaissance, Kuala Lumpur · Q Jazz, Istanbul · Park Hyatt, Tokyo · 17-city tour of Russia with the Daniel Kramer Trio

PROGRAMS

AN EVENING OF JAZZ & SOUL	*Soul classics and jazz favourites, made her own with Pucci's distinctive phrasing, bending tones, and shifting tempos.*
BALLADS & BLUES	*Ballads and blues in the tradition of the great jazz vocalists, presented with the Jazz Foundation of America.*
LIVING ROOM SESSIONS	*Pucci as entertainer and crowdpleaser, reading the room and keeping the band on their toes.*

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