

Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association & The Triple Door present:

# 17th Annual Seattle-Kobe

# FEMALE JAZZ VOCALIST AUDITION



Sunday  
November 16  
6 pm - 9 pm



Featuring 2025 Kobe  
Jazz Queen Asayo Katano

# PROGRAM

**6:00 pm**

**Welcome** - Karin Zaugg Black  
and Rebecca Skoog, SKSCA  
Board Members

**6:10 pm**

**High School Vocalist  
Performances**

1. Eleanor Edlefsen  
Joshua Stewart - Piano

2. Olivia Frieson  
Eugene Bien - Piano

3. Alyssa Flaa  
Kirk Roa - Piano

4. Sabina Wilcox  
Jake Houser - Piano

**6:50 pm**

**Special Greetings  
Recognition of Past Winners**

## SUPPORT SKSCA

Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association (SKSCA) is a volunteer-based 501(c)3 non-profit association that helps promote and facilitate friendly relations between Seattle and our sister city of Kobe, Japan.

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**7:00 pm**

**Adult Vocalist Performances**

1. Heather Ward  
Nelda Swigget - Piano

2. Kayleigh Ketcham  
Clipper Anderson - Bass

3. Patsy Clark  
Chris Clark-Johnson - Guitar

4. Stina Tillotson  
Josh Rawlings - Piano

5. Katrina Kope  
Jake Sele - Piano

6. Nora Mapes-Pigsley  
Tim Kennedy - Piano

7. Melissa Brewer  
David Joyner - Piano

**8:10 pm**

**Intermission**

**8:20 pm**

**Performance** featuring 2025  
Kobe Jazz Queen Asayo Katano  
with David Joyner (piano), Clipper  
Anderson (bass), Jeff Busch (drums)

**Judges Break to Deliberate**

**8:45 pm**

**Special Thanks & Awards**

**8:55 pm**

**Closing Remarks**

# JUDGES

## Darelle Holden

Darelle Holden's silky smooth vocal stylings have taken her all over the world, as a critically acclaimed solo artist and a sought after back-up singer. Darelle has performed with such legends as Stevie Wonder, Earth Wind & Fire, Bobby Caldwell, Norman Brown, and Tom Jones. A native of Seattle, Darelle grew up immersed in music. Her talents led her to Berklee College of Music, where she studied with some of the top talents of the world before launching a prolific career as a backup singer. Darelle is a gifted songwriter and solo artist who has released several jazz-pop EPs under her own name. Darelle has been nominated several times for vocalist of the year, Golden Ear Awards, Earshot Jazz, most recently in 2023.

## Elnah Jordan

Elnah Jordan, a soul-stirring vocalist hailing from Ohio, has etched her name in the music world with her unforgettable renditions of gospel, jazz, blues, and R&B songs. From the church choir, to the streets of San Francisco, to Broadway stages, Elnah's powerful voice and engaging style have mesmerized audiences worldwide. Her performances, often backed up by versatile pianist Eric Verlinde, resonate with authenticity, passion, and a deep connection to the roots of American ethnomusicology. Whether she is portraying the legendary Bessie Smith or summoning the spirit of Nina Simone, her music transcends genres, offering a unique and soulful experience.

## Cuong Vu

Cuong Vu has lent his trumpet playing to a wide range of artists such as Pat Metheny, Laurie Anderson, and David Bowie. Cuong has released eight recordings, and has received rave reviews from notable publications such as the New York Times, The New Yorker, Harper's, the Guardian, BBC Music Magazine, JazzTimes, and Downbeat. Cuong is associate professor and Chair of Jazz Studies at the University of Washington and was awarded the prestigious Distinguished Teacher Award in his third year on faculty. In 2002 and 2006, Cuong received the Grammy for Best Contemporary Jazz Album as a member of the Pat Metheny Group.

