

The CSS Community Celebration Concert Series

Sunday Nov 5, 2023, 2:00pm

Carla Cook Trio

Carla Cook – Vocals | Bruce Barth – Piano | Kenny Davis - Bass

Christ & St. Stephen's Church
120 W 69th Street, New York, NY 10023



Everything Carla Cook sings swings.

There's a reason for that: Cook has been influenced by the jazz vocal masters, but equally influenced by phenomenal instrumentalists, like Miles Davis, Wes Montgomery and The Crusaders. The Detroit native also finds inspiration in R&B, Motown, pop, gospel, and country. In fact, she has put her unique phrasing on everything from Marvin Gaye's "Inner City Blues" to Bobbie Gentry's "Ode to Billie Joe" to Neil Young's "Heart of Gold". As a result, Cook has an improvisational style that's steeped in the swing tradition yet eclectic and brimming with fresh interpretations. "Although I've been influenced by all the masters, I've been maturing into my own sound," says Cook. "Today, I sound exactly like me."

Her remarkable voice earned Cook a Grammy nomination for her debut album, *It's All About Love*, and widespread critical acclaim for her two subsequent recordings, *Dem Bones*, ("an intoxicating album that is as adventurous as it is accessible") and *Simply Natural* ("she remains delightfully free of artifice or affectation"), which solidified her reputation as a songwriter as well as a singer.

The trio will be performing original compositions and jazz standards.



*All concerts in the CSS Community Celebration Concert series are **FREE** and open to the public.*