



**THEO**  
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### BIOGRAPHY

Theo is the personality and fire of any show. She enjoys entertaining and draws the audience into the fun and excitement demonstrated on stage. Her blues and heart wrenching ballads are what her audiences request most, while her jazz sets are that of a "Great Songstress". Theo has been an extraordinary performer her whole life, and it is obvious to all who have seen her perform that Theo is unconditionally just that....ExtraOrdinary!

Theonita Valentin (Theo), born and raised in Norfolk, Virginia, started singing solo in church at age five. That gospel style, because it is a heart-rending, demonstrative music, served to bolster Theo's ability at performance. She knew her task was not only to sing the song, but to tell its lyrical story as well.

At Lake Taylor High School, Theo sang in both the high school choir and a specialized female sextet. Theo enrolled in Norfolk State University, where she majored in voice and minored in piano. Theo had always sung by ear and she began reading music while in college. By 1981, Theo encountered and set in with the "Billy Taylor Trio". In 1985, Theo toured around the world with the "Jazz Explosion Tour", featuring the great jazz artists Tom Brown, Roy Ayers, Lonnie Liston Smith, Jean Carne, Noel Pointer and Bobby Humphrey. Theo was Tom Brown's lead vocalist on this exciting tour.

In 2001-2003, Theo collaborated and formed the band "Project Necessary", who had the honor of performing for our military troops overseas. These journeys lead Theo to several countries including, Korea, Guam, Japan, Singapore, Turkey, Egypt and a host of others.

In 2010-2013, Theo sang background and performed with the following world renowned musicians, Jean Carne, George Benson, Howard Hewett, Glenn Jones, Danny Boy, Phil Perry, Reggie Wooten. In 2012, Theo was featured on Victor Wooten's "Words and Tones" CD.

Theo is currently on tour with the legendary Norman Connors and the Starship Orchestra, and due to be one of the featured artists on his 40th Anniversary CD.

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### VENUES

#### Alabama

- Birmingham- Wellington Bistro

#### California

- Oakland - Geoffries Inner Circle
- Santiago - Urban Music Summit
- Los Angeles - Catalina's Jazz

#### Colorado

- Denver – Cora Faye's Cafe

#### Connecticut

- Hartford – The Soul Food Festival

#### Florida

- Orlando – Eatonville Freedom Festival
- Tampa – Hard Rock Café, Eddie V's, Timpanos, Donatellos, Blue Martini
- Jacksonville – Ritz Theatre

#### Georgia

- Atlanta – Monarch Ballroom, ACOUSTIX JAZZ RESTAURANT
- Macdoughn - Jazzy Browns

#### Illinois

- Chicago - South Shore Jazz Festival

#### Michigan

- Detroit - Bakers Keyboard Lounge

#### New York

- Mount Vernon - The Thompson House

#### Ohio

- Cincinnati – Redmoor
- Columbus- Kings Arts Complex

#### Pennsylvania

- Philadelphia – The Top Shelf, The Clef Club

#### Virginia

- Virginia Beach - 40th Anniversary Tour 24th Street Stage
- Roanoke - The Lucy Addison Auditorium
- Alexandria - The Berksmere
- Richmond - Richmond Jazz Fest

#### England

- London – Royal Festival Hall

#### Overseas – US Troops

- Korea, Japan, Turkey, Egypt, Singapore, Guam



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### PERFORMANCES

- CURRENT FEATURED SINGER WITH NORMAN CONNORS
- VICTOR WOOTEN "Words and Tones" CD
- REGGIE WOOTEN
- TOM BROWNE
- KIM WATERS
- HOWARD HEWETT
- GLENN JONES - 2012
- DANNY BOY (from Tupac's CD)
- PHIL PERRY
- GEORGE BENSON
- JEAN CARNE
- Lead Performer for the PLAY- "Life and Time of Billie Holiday at Emerson Bar and Grill"
- NORFOLK UNIVERSITY production/PLAY of "Gypsy Rose Lee"

**Kinfolks LAZ HIGH RESORTS**

**The Kinfolks SOULFOOD FESTIVAL**

**STEPHANIE MILLS**

**NORMAN CONNORS**

**JEFFREY OSBORNE**

**KELLY PRICE**

**TOM BROWNE**

**GLENN JONES**

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(203) 542-4635; EAST HAVEN SOUL RESTAURANT, 395 1/2 DORRILL AVE., (203) 493-8450;  
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