

## **Clairdee, a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Jazz Vocalist, Educator, Activist**

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Soulful, swinging, and stylish, San Francisco-based jazz singer Clairdee epitomizes the music's empowering imperative. More than a masterly interpreter of lyrics with a lustrous, velvety tone, she embodies the tradition's twinned legacy of standing for social justice with glamor and guts. "In the tradition of all great vocalists," said legendary vocalist Nancy Wilson, Clairdee "infuses each song with her own unique style while always remaining true to the song itself." Her latest album, *A Love Letter to Lena*, is a deeply personal celebration of the iconic star Lena Horne, the barrier-shattering African-American movie star, singer, and civil rights activist.

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