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Celebrated Jazz artist Linda Tate celebrates the release of new CD at Vicky's

Tuesday, Jan. 29, jazz vocalist, songwriter, and critically acclaimed recording artist, Linda Tate, will be celebrating the release of "Geography", her new album of original songs. A native of Chicago and a citizen of the world, Linda's songs are influenced by jazz, world, folk, and Latin musical styles. She provides her own unique perspective on universal themes and she infuses these songs with her heart and soul. Melody, rhythm, and wistful wordplay combine to pull you into a magnetic listening experience, and her mellow, rich voice will capture you in a magical place.

"Geography", her fourth album, is the first to exclusively feature Tate's own compositions, which offer an eclectic but unified vision. And Geography marks Tate

has continued to grow as a singer. With each album she emerges as an even more compelling and self-assured performer, by turns kittenish, sharp, sexy, and soulful, and fully equipped to convey all the moods and meanings in her songs."

- Neil Tesser, Jazz Critic, Chicagomusic.org

"An abundance of warmth and charm. The Chicago-based jazz vocalist is easy to like." - Alex Henderson, AMG All Music Guide

Born and raised on the South Side of Chicago, Linda's early musical experiences were shaped by her parents' love of jazz. Her father's huge record collection included a veritable jazz cornucopia of legends like

Duke Ellington, Sarah Vaughn, Dinah Washington, Billy Eckstein, Nat King Cole, Mel Torme and Ella Fitzgerald. As they were so much a part of her parents' life, these popular performers of the day influenced her young life. Her parents' social life included formal parties where the popular big bands of the day used to perform. As a family they regularly attended musical theater and Hollywood musicals at the movies.

She studied piano throughout her childhood, and as a teenager, she performed as a folk singer accompanying herself on guitar. Later, Linda went on to study music at Roosevelt University, earning her bachelor's degree in music composition, and then at DePaul University where she earned a master's degree in jazz studies/vocal performance. She completed a year-long course in vocal pedagogy at Northeastern Illinois University and has studied songwriting at Berklee College of Music.

Linda is a recording artist, songwriter, composer, and educator with four recording projects to her credit. Her debut CD on Southport Records, *We Belong Together*, is a very personal collection of songs that includes classic jazz masters and popular musical theater composers as well as the sultry Brazilian strains of Milton Nascimento and contemporary composers like Chick Corea.

"Linda Tate is one of the finest, smoothest vocalists performing in contemporary jazz." - Lee Prosser, *Jazzreview.com*

Her most recent musical project, "Geography", released in January of 2013, was inspired by global travel and is the first recorded collection of her original songs. This memorable album features Linda's vocals along with her lyrics, music, and arrangements and she is accompanied by top-tier jazz musicians including Ernie Adams and Charles Rick Heath IV on drums and percussion, Steve Eisen on flute, tenor saxophone, and congas, Larry Gray on acoustic bass and cello, Marlene Rosenberg on acoustic bass, Curtis Robinson on acoustic and electric guitars and vocals, Preyas Roy on vibraphone, and Bobby Schiff on piano.

During the course of producing the album, Linda launched a successful Kickstarter Campaign to help fund her



project, and also received a Community Arts Assistance Grant from the City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events to complete a Music Video based on a song she wrote in Spanish, which is featured on the new album. The music video can be viewed on her YouTube Channel.

Linda believes in making a difference with her music, and beginning with the release of her new album, has committed to donate \$5 from the sale of every physical CD or digital album download to Reading In Motion, a stellar Chicago non-profit organization which has developed a successful arts-based curriculum to teach reading to at-risk primary grade students.

In 2008, she was recognized as one of the top jazz singers in "The Jazz Singers: The Ultimate Guide" by Scott Yanow.

The party begins at 7 pm and she will sing songs from her new album accompanied by her quartet of outstanding jazz musicians. They will perform one show beginning at 7:30 pm. 760-345-9770 \$10 Cover

Linda Tate - "Geography" CD Release Event will be presented on Tuesday, Jan. 29, - 7 p.m. One Show at 7:30 p.m. Vicky's of Santa Fe is located at 45-100 Hwy 111 and Club Drive, Indian Wells, CA 92210