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## Jazz at the Waterfront



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Nicole Henry At The Waterfront WPB .Photo Credit Maria Cabeza

"A jazz singer of pop instinct and cabaret sophistication." --Nate Chinen, New York Times

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I happened to be in West Palm Beach when Nicole Henry was giving a show, so without hesitating I went with my eleven-year-old son and my friend and PR specialist Scott Thompson.

What you surely know: Nicole Henry is a North American internationally acclaimed jazz soul vocalist whose career started in 2004. Her repertoire includes American Songbook, classic and

contemporary jazz titles, blues and more. She used to sing at school and at church and that her parents influenced her with bands like the Commodores, the Spinners and Aretha Franklin.

We are also aware that she is fond of fashion and that she is convinced that clothes tell but the soul transcends whatever you wear. Moreover she carefully chooses her apparel before every show: she prefers feminine-like clothes similar to what writers call “show don’t tell” formula.

What you might not know: Ms. Henry is a supporter of the Miami Children’s Initiative and member of its board, she sings to make a difference, she wants to make a better world by means of music.

The show started at 4pm sharp. The West Palm Beach waterfront park....was packed. I was sitting on the grass, relaxed, looking around, just wandering. All of a sudden a woman dressed in blue appeared on stage. I knew it was Nicole but still her shiny aura captivated me completely.

She presented the quintet: Peter Wallace (piano), Eric England (upright bass), David Chiverton (drums) and Aaron Lebos (guitar). Then came the first notes; the dream of the perfect evening began.

If jazz is said to be the music of improvisation, Ms. Henry, though singing set songs, gives each one of them a different twist. Her charisma and soul voice gave life to innumerable notes, which she accompanies with her svelte and feminine body moves. She varies from an angel to a sensual mermaid though keeping her elegance.

It shows that she likes singing as well as entertaining the audience and people were hypnotized by her voice and power. She is a master of the art of singing. Nicole Henry is like a full sky in one soul, a flower, a cloud, a woman...yet a child.

Two years ago I read a book “One Billion Others “ in which a Nigerian girl said “ My childhood dream is to pass under a rainbow.” I found those words so inspiring, felt them and reflected on them. I was that girl, she was millions of girls around the world searching for the simple: love, peace, joy.

Ms. Nicole Henry, that day at “Sunday on the Waterfront” at Meyer Amphitheatre, you made us all to pass under a rainbow.