

## **Leslie & Friends Bio**

Leslie & Friends' signature clear and sultry tones, expansive range and expressive delivery defy categorization, expertly lending themselves to a diverse repertoire befitting any performance atmosphere.

Honed through formal classical training at Howard University-College of Fine Arts, Leslie's gift has taken center stage in historic U.S. platforms such as Cleveland's Severance Hall, Harlem's famed Apollo Theater, and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC. She has also performed in historic venues in Toyko, Japan, St. Thomas Virgin, Islands and Barcelona, Spain.

Leslie has proudly performed in both Presidential Inaugurations for former President William Clinton. During those events, she's shared the stage with such greats as Luther Vandross, Diana Ross, Bebe & Cece Winans, Kathleen Battle and many others. She has also performed at the United States Naval Observatory (Vice President's home) for former Vice President Al Gore and his wife Tipper Gore at several intimate celebrations and holiday affairs during his term. She has lent her amazing vocals as a background singer for Al Jarreau, and most recently for Meli'sa Morgan, Alyson Williams and Christopher Williams.

For 7 years, Leslie performed as one of the lead vocalist with the fantastic Chane Link Band on Washington DC's premiere local dinner/brunch cruise line, Odyssey Cruises. In 2007, she relocated to Charlotte, NC and after taking a short break she resumed her musical journey in 2009. She delivered the Black National Anthem at Time Warner Arena in 2010 & 2011 for the Kick-off celebration of the Annual CIAA Tournament.

You may find Leslie captivating audiences in and around the Charlotte, NC area at various restaurants, weddings, festivals, outdoor and social events as a solo artist as well as with her signature band, "Leslie and Friends".

Leslie & Friends exudes joy and happiness when she is singing, and anyone who has the pleasure of hearing her will feel the same