

Grain Belt Premium Beer Stage · Saturday 5:25

Los Angeles-based Janiva Magness is one of today's most talented and recognized blues and roots vocalists. A three-decade darling of the blues genre, Janiva's vocal prowess and performance is one of the best. In May 2006 she beat out contemporaries Susan Tedeschi, Shemekia Copeland and Marcia Ball to win the 2006 Blues Music Award for 'Contemporary Female Artist of the Year.' *Singer Magazine* writes, "Her voice is sultry, smoky, and strong, with jazz, blues, and soul textures enveloping it." Although her vocals are beautiful at times, this 49 year-old grandmother is best known for her sauciness and the bold, brazen beauty of her recordings and performances. Janiva was barely a teenager when she was consumed by the power and expression of rhythm and blues pulsing from the radio stations of her hometown of Detroit, Michigan. Janiva's influences include Etta James, Billie Holiday, Elmore James, Robert Johnson, Aretha Franklin, Jackie Wilson, Memphis Minnie, and Koko Taylor - some of whom she has since shared stages with and has been compared to. With losing both parents to suicide at a tender age and falling into chemical addictions, complicated with a pregnancy



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that ended in adoption, Magness definitely had a foundation for singing the blues right from the start. In a positive turn of events, she channeled all her energy into her musical talent. She now stands strong as a voice for women and the blues. See her radiate from the Premium Beer Stage at 5:25 on Saturday.

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