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AN EVENING OF SOUL AT NAVY PIER

Celebrate Chicago's Rich History with Dance, Live Music and Acclaimed Artists

CHICAGO – Navy Pier, Inc. celebrates **Black History Month** and the city's world famous soul scene with a **star-studded** and **free** event. On Thursday, **February 16 from 6 to 8 pm visit the Pier for an** unforgettable evening of dance and live music. Groove to the soothing sounds of **Joan Collaso and Avain Hightower and Full Circle**.

Admission is **free** and a special \$10 parking rate will be in effect after 5 p.m. There will also be line dancing and cocktails to enjoy throughout the evening. The event is co-presented with Priceless Presentations.

About Joan Collaso: Emmy award winner Joan Collaso, is an international vocalist born, raised and living in Chicago. Joan's ability to sing smooth, sensual melodies and improvisations that can explode into the excitement of her big and soulful sound will capture your ear. **She fuses Jazz, R&B, Blues and Gospel in a way that sets her apart, and has been greatly enjoyed by music lovers all over the world:** Most notably, 4 times at the North Sea Jazz Festival in the Netherlands, Estonia, Osaka, Japan, Italy and the World Port Jazz Festival in Rotterdam where she opened for world renowned Jazz/Gospel artists Take 6.



About Avian Hightower and Full Circle: Avian Hightower's professional musical experience started with the amicable show band, The Scott Brothers, in the 1970's. The Scott Brothers were the backup band for various reputable recording artists: The Chi-Lites, Otis Clay, Garland Green, and Tyrone Davis to name a few.

From the 1980's through 2005, Avian Hightower toured with The Chi-Lites, Marvin Gaye, The Whispers, The Stylistics, The Manhattans, The Dramatics, The Delphonics, The O'Jays, Harold Melvin Blue Notes and many other groups that were contracted with Universal Entertainment.

Avian Hightower formed the band Full Circle in 2005. The band consist of keyboards, lead guitar, bass guitar, and drums as well as female and male vocalists. Avian Hightower and Full Circle had the pleasure in 2010 of opening for Toni Braxton, Al Jarreau and Smokey Robinson

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