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Join us for the 8th Annual Musical Extravaganza to Benefit Charlotte Maxwell Clinic

Berkeley, CA - The 8th Annual Musical Extravaganza to Benefit Charlotte Maxwell Clinic is back to deliver an exciting and entertaining experience for old and new fans alike. Returning to headline the show is Marcelle Davies Lashley, direct from Brooklyn, New York, backed by Bay Area bandleaders Vicki Randle, Shelley Doty and Kofy Brown. Opening the show will be S P I R I T, a new local band featuring Destiny Muhammad (Harpist from the Hood), Michaelle Goerlitz, Valerie Joi, and Caroline Chung.

Marcelle Davies Lashley, born to West African parents from Liberia and Sierra Leone, began singing lead in her church choir at the five years old, and never stopped. Her voice has been described as a warm instrument of sultry sounds that melt the heart and feed the soul. Lashley has transformed audiences on five continents with her mesmerizing stage presence that is second to none.

Vicki Randle, a self-described progressive political evangelist, is an American singer, multi-instrumentalist and composer who was the first permanent female member of The Tonight Show Band beginning in 1992. Randle also toured with Mavis Staples and recorded with Aretha Franklin.

Shelley Doty is an East Bay musician who plays both acoustic and electric guitar. A gem vocalist with a jazz attitude, Doty sings with fluid grace and writes songs filled with swagger, tenderness, and joy.

Kofy Brown, an Oakland musician, singer and songwriter, has been a pioneering force in the Bay Area's hip-hop soul scene since the early 90's. Brown paved the way for other indie artists, and her band has spread the gospel of her unique style of soul, rock, and funk all over North America, Canada and Europe.

The Oakland-based band, S P I R I T, will open the show with well-known band members including Destiny Muhammad, Michaelle Goerlitz, Valerie Joi, and Caroline Chung.

Destiny Muhammad, Harpist from the Hood, is a jazz harpist and vocalist who follows in the footsteps of Dorothy Ashby and Alice Coltrane. Her signature genre has a cool and eclectic sound with the feel of jazz and a touch of storytelling to round out the sonic experience.

Michaelle Goerlitz has been playing drums and percussion since was eight years old. She was a founding member of two renowned long term projects, the Blazing Redheads and Wild Mango. Both groups blend many different styles which showcase Goerlitz' versatile percussive skills.

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Valerie Joi's passion is music for spiritual and social transformation. She preaches love through song and empowers people to experience their own sense of divine connection.

Caroline Chung is a Bay Area bass player who believes deeply in the healing power of sonic vibrations. She is an artist who can't be defined or contained by any one style or tradition.

To purchase tickets please see details below.

Where: **Freight and Salvage Coffeehouse, 2020 Addison St., Berkeley, CA**

When: **Sunday, October 8th, 2023 at 7:00 PM (Doors open at 6 PM)**

Ticket cost: **Sliding Scale \$30-\$100**

How to Purchase Tickets: <https://secure.thefreight.org/13226/charlotte-maxwell-clinic-benefit>

Proceeds from the 8th Annual Musical Extravaganza event will benefit Charlotte Maxwell Clinic, an Oakland-based nonprofit providing free access to compassionate, integrative care to low-income women with cancer. Services encompass a range of complementary therapies including acupuncture, herbal medicine, massage, energy work, movement therapy, and nutrition counseling that improve quality of life and survival rates. For more information please contact Shanna Webb at swebb@charlottemaxwell.org.