

Felecia Gaston Producer & Executive Director

This is a traditional affair conceived by various individuals throughout 30 years of bringing live music to Marin City, beginning with the Marin City Festival which was sponsored by the Multi-Service Center and the College of Marin in 1975, lasting for 15 years, and closed in 1989. Local community volunteers included Walter and Sharon Turner, Warren Domino, Melvin Atkins, Ocita Teal, Derethia Duval, Nesbit Crutchfield, James Bullock and Delano Dean, and Felecia Gaston. In 1998, Mark Naftalin, Executive Director of the Blue Monday Foundation approached Felecia to continue annual events of music in Marin City. Felecia met with Nathaniel Coleman, Sr., who was so passionate about Blues Music and he encouraged her to bring this event to Marin City. Mark Nafatlin comments, "It gives me great pride to know that the tradition of keeping the Blues and Soul Music, of which I am so fond, going ever so strong in Marin City." In 2010, the Marin Housing Authority under the leadership of Dan Nackerman, Executive Director became a major partner of this event providing valuable resources of funds and staff in order to continue this event. Dan states, "It is more than a music festival...it amounts to both a homecoming for local residents and a new exposure to Bay Area residents who may visit Marin City for the first time." Felecia Gaston, states, "I am honored to be a promoter and producer of this continuing legacy. This event not only attracts the finest musicians throughout the Bay Area, it is a major focus of preserving the African American heritage and culture through the vehicle of music. I would like to thank so many people and organizations who have contributed valuable resources, financial contributions from funding sources, businesses and volunteers who make this event possible. In order to SUSTAIN AND MAINTAIN, this event, we are requesting your LOYAL support through financial donations now and in the near future. Your support will keep this event growing and most importantly continue valuable art programs for low income children throughout Marin County. Visit www.performingstars.org for more information.



BLUES, JAZZ AND SOUL IS ALIVE AND WELL...AND MARIN CITY IS A GREAT PLACE TO EXPERIENCE IT ALL...THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING".

Hair by Teneill/Makeup Mayham by Nichelle Haynes. Both are Performing Stars Alumni
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