

KST PRESENTS

FRESHWORKS

JACQUEA MAE

STEEL IN MY VEINS

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 1 - 2, 2022

8:00PM

KST PRESENTS: SPRING 2022 WELCOME HOME



**“When I think of home/ I think of a place where there’s love overflowing/
I wish I was home/ I wish I was back there with the things I been
knowing” – “Home,” The Wiz, music lyrics by Charlie Smalls**

Following Dorothy’s (Diana Ross in *The Wiz*) adventures through the Land of Oz, a fantastical NYC, she finally discovers her “world full of love...like home” and is transported back to Harlem with help from Glinda the Good Witch (Lena Horne). This final scene from *The Wiz* reminds me that it takes a “brand new day,” a journey through self discovery to teach us to love and find our home.

What does home mean to you? Is it a place, a feeling, a community? During the pandemic, we all spent a lot of time in our apartments and houses, but that doesn’t necessarily mean we were at home. To me, art and the theater has always provided that journey to home. A place where I can fully, freely express myself and be with others who love and appreciate the authentic me. Over the years, Kelly Strayhorn Theater has had the great privilege of being an artistic home to so many, from internationally acclaimed performers to neighborhood kids taking their first ballet class at KST’s Alloy Studios.

KST has been my home too. I started here as an intern back in 2009 and even after I left Pittsburgh, I always cherished the friends and memories made here. I knew there was just something special about this place. Home has a funny way of calling us back, doesn’t it?

Now as Executive Director, I want KST to continue to be a home for all of us. Whether you feel more at home on the stage or sitting in the audience, this is for you!

This spring, we are excited to introduce our new pricing policy: **Pay What Moves You**, an accessible scale of ticket prices. Over the last few years, we heard feedback from artists and audiences alike—our ticket prices needed to better reflect the value and importance of art, as well as supporting artists to live well and thrive. **Pay What Moves You** encourages audiences to choose an equitable price that best fits their budget, while also still fairly compensating artists. It is also your opportunity to affirm the value of art! Go for the top tier if you can afford to! It helps us keep the first tier affordable for those who need it.

Welcome home to Kelly Strayhorn Theater with a season of beautiful, challenging, and contemporary performances that speak to our current moment. You may cry, you’ll definitely dance, and most importantly, you will feel reconnected to this powerful collective of friends.

**JOSEPH HALL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



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ABOUT KELLY STRAYHORN THEATER

Kelly Strayhorn Theater is a non-profit community performing arts center in East Liberty, with two venues running along historic Penn Avenue. KST's Alloy Studios is a cultural hub in the heart of East Liberty, and the historic Kelly Strayhorn Theater is located in the thriving business district. More than 20 years after its founding, KST is a home for creative experimentation, community dialogue, and collective action rooted in the liberation of Black and queer people.

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ABOUT THE SHOW

Created and performed by vocalist and creative **Jacquea Mae**, *Steel In My Veins* tells a story of being a Black woman in Pittsburgh. With steel instead of blood in her veins, the world tells her that she must carry it when she wants to just be. The work takes the audience on the journey of a Black woman who comes to terms with exhaustion, self-sacrifice, and deciding to save herself – no matter what the world tells her.

SONG LIST

- **Total Praise**, originally by Richard Smallwood & covered by Jacquea Mae
- **Love Is In Need Of Love Today** by Stevie Wonder
- **One Step Closer** by Linkin Park
- **Brotha**, originally by Jill Scott & covered by Jacquea Mae
- **We Are Marching In The Light Of God**, a South African Gospel Hymn covered by Jacquea Mae
- **Morning Amazingness** by Jacquea Mae

ABOUT FRESHWORKS

Freshworks is KST's creative residency for Pittsburgh-based artists and collaborators. It supports playful exploration in performance through interdisciplinary work in contemporary dance, theater, music, and multimedia. The program provides artists with financial resources, studio space, production staff, lighting and sound design, professional development, and encouragement for creative risk taking.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Jacquea Mae is an international vocalist, actress & creative artist that has graced the mic at several open mics, theatrical productions and has featured as an artist at many venues, festivals, open mics & more, throughout the city of Pittsburgh, Switzerland, Ghana & beyond. Ms. Mae continues to rave reviews for her powerful, soulful & from the gut performances. Jacquea's talents, mixed with her passion for teaching and working with youth have blessed her to mentor, care and support youth, throughout the many neighborhoods of Pittsburgh for over fifteen years. Ms. Mae is a growing small business owner & dedicated community activism, determined to create what she doesn't see. Jacquea continues teaching youth, advocating for the people & asserting her creativity with a voice and spirit that soars!



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