

Avery * Sunshine

Avery*Sunshine takes no detours in creating melodious music for the masses. She makes the kind of music that undeniably satisfies the soul leaving her audience full, with an experience to share with others. The singer, pianist and composer has a signature sound that mixes soul, jazz, R&B and gospel. Her roots, grounded in the church as a pianist and music director, Avery*Sunshine was born Denise White in Chester, Pennsylvania. Atlanta, known for its rich, thriving musical industry, is where she attended Spellman College and is the singer's home base.

Avery has a sound that is uplifting, vibrant and exactly as her namesake suggests, full of sunshine. She brings people together through her riveting stage performances, candid and often humorous stage banter, and optimistic anthems about love and life. This is what Avery*Sunshine does best. In fact, she does it so well that she garnered praise from iconic musical figure, The Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin, who raved, "I love Avery*Sunshine"! The Atlanta based singer's no holds barred signature soul/R&B sound has garnered the attention of luminaries such as Patti LaBelle, Berry Gordy and Boy George who proclaimed on twitter "@averysunshine love this woman's voice".

Most known for her #1 Billboard chart hit single "Call My Name" from her critically heralded sophomore project: The Sunroom, she was awarded ASCAP's Rhythm and Soul song of the year award in 2016. In the same year, Avery was nominated for a SoulTrain award and a BET Centric Award. Her numerous sold out shows and career milestones have included opening for Babyface at Madison Square Garden, performing for Smokey Robinson at his Rock 'N Roll Hall of Fame tribute to being invited to perform by and for the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin, twice in one year. Also to her credit you'll hear Avery's voice on The Fighting Temptations soundtrack, and notably, her performances at the 2008 Democratic National Convention leading to an invitation to sing at President Barack Obama's inauguration in 2009.

Her upcoming project, Betting My Wishes, is slated for a Fall 2020 release. It promises to be just as soulful and captivating as her previous album accomplishments with a bit of a twist. After working through a difficult time of loss, Avery needed a renewed energy to refresh her musically. She got just what she needed. This album will reflect a rebirth and reintroduction in her new magnificent form to continue connecting with her audience through soulful in-the-pocket grooves, sublime ballads, and exquisite arrangements with self-written life affirming tracks and dynamic production.

Close to Avery on this project will be her musical partner, guitarist and husband Dana "Big Dane" Johnson. The musical team has collaborated and/or toured with everyone from Anthony Hamilton, KEM, Will Downing, Gregory Porter, DJ Jazzy Jeff, Babyface, Roy Ayers to B.B. King, Michael Bubl  and Jennifer Holliday. Avery*Sunshine has forged a way for herself by staying true to her musical vision. "My greatest wish is for our music to empower and encourage, in some way, everyone who hears it. THAT is why Dana and I do THIS", shares the radiant singer.

Avery*Sunshine continues to tour the world sharing her music from the US to Asia, Africa, Australia and the UK. As her fans anticipate the release of new music, Avery makes it clear that she keeps on recording even when she's on the road. In Avery's words, "I am always striving to fill the space that I was created to fill. And I pray that the small space that I occupy in this world reminds everyone to SHINE no matter what".