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BRENDA BUTLER to appear next on SONGBIRDS...live at the AURA

San Fernando based singer, **Brenda Butler**, will be the fourth songbird in the series **SONGBIRDS...live** at AURA Restaurant & Bar on a special week-end show on Sunday 18, October. Brenda continues the trend of talented female singers showcasing their talent at this unique production bringing her neo-soul jazzy vibe and powerful voice to Port of Spain. Always creating opportunities for live performance with a difference, Production One Ltd. took a different turn from the proven and successful *Jazz Artists on the Greens*, to create an intimate series of shows focused on the female voice. **SONGBIRDS...live** is a new concert series featuring female Caribbean vocalists; a performance showcase featuring, on a regular basis, some of the most notable upcoming and unheralded female voices in contemporary music in Trinidad and Tobago with an ear turned to Jazz and World Music. Singing in sometimes new collaborations that offer just enough of the improvisatory surprise which is the hallmark of jazz, these smaller productions from Production One Ltd. serve as a platform for the recording of the performances with the ultimate reward being **The Best of SONGBIRDS...live** CD available at the end of the series.

Brenda Butler is an avid music lover with a penchant for singing. While growing up her musical loves ranged from Brooke Benton to Elton John, from The Jacksons to Genesis. However, she spent her teenage years singing predominantly classical music in school choirs & Music Festivals, and having lead roles in several school productions. Hailing from San Fernando, she continued with the PresCon Alumni Choir after graduation, and expanded her musical horizons in the early 90s by joining The Belvedere (conducted by Richard Tang Yuk), with solos in two productions: "South Quay Story" & "An Evening with Cole Porter".

While studying in Florida from 1992 to 1996, Brenda was a soloist in the gospel group *Colour Blind*, which journeyed to Chile, Brazil & throughout the US, playing at major concert halls like the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1995 *Colour Blind* recorded a live album, and subsequently did the "Creation Tour '96" at various venues throughout Florida.

Brenda returned to Trinidad in 1996 and has never stopped singing. Most recently, Brenda enjoyed the privilege of returning to Nashville's Grand Ole Opry to sing at the 40th Annual Dove Music Awards as part of the choir backing gospel greats such as Edwin ("O Happy Day") Hawkins, Donnie McClurkin, Kirk Franklin and Mary Mary.

Just as everything evolves, so have Brenda's musical tastes, and she has quite happily settled into the Neo-Soul/R&B niche with her singing, while maintaining a genuine love for the entire eclectic sphere of music, with a recent trend toward Jazz. Timeless loves include Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston and Chaka Khan. In the last decade, Jill Scott, India.Arie, Corinne Bailey Rae, Erykah Badu and Kem have joined the ranks of her influences. Brenda emotes, "For me, there's nothing as exhilarating as being on stage and using my voice and heart to evoke different emotions in people's souls. I also love attending live performances/concerts - just taking in as much musical vibes as I can. But I'm ALWAYS singing...I won't stop till God says it's time."

Brenda will be accompanied by Judah B & the Same Street Band; Judah Bharath [guitar], Sam Mitchell [bass] and Ian Joseph [drums]. Previous SONGBIRDS in the series have been Caroline Mair, Ruth Osman and Candice Alcantara who recently performed on October 7.