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Grammy Award-Winning Jazz Vocalist Dee Dee Bridgewater to Speak at UCSB

Legendary Grammy Award-winning vocalist Dee Dee Bridgewater will visit UC Santa Barbara on Tuesday, January 15, where she will discuss her career as a jazz singer and the struggles and rewards of crafting an individual voice as an artist. Her talk, which will be presented to students in Professor Jeffrey Stewart's history of jazz course, will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the MultiCultural Center Theater. It is free and open to the public.

Bridgewater is visiting UCSB in conjunction with her Monterey Jazz Festival performance later that evening at the Lobero Theatre. She will headline an all-star band that includes bassist and musical director Christian McBride, pianist Benny Green, drummer Lewis Nash, saxophonist Chris Poetter, and trumpeter Ambrose Akinmusire. Their performance is part of the Monterey Jazz Festival on Tour, a nine-week road trip that celebrates the 55th anniversary festival's founding.

Born in Memphis, Tenn., and raised in Flint, Mich., Bridgewater is a Tony Award-winning actress, and host of National Public Radio's "JazzSet With Dee Dee Bridgewater." She is the first American to be inducted into the Haut Conseil de la Francophonie, and is a recipient of France's Award of Arts and Letters.

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