

# ENTERTAINMENT

## CHICAGO'S VERY OWN LAINI MARISA PERFORMS AT THE COUNTRY CLUB HILLS THEATER

Friday, July 19, 2013- Wavewax Recording Artist Laini Marisa was the opening act for the fantastic Musiq Soulchild.

DJ Stevo and Dr. Love got the party started; jamming the hits, messing with the crowd and just entertaining the people before the main event.

Then Laini Marisa came out along with, the IZReel Soul Band and feature vocalists Cleo Cenci and Daryl Reed, kept the party going and brought the house down!

Laini began the show with her happy song, "Feeling Orange but Sometimes Blue" by Ledisi which put the whole audience in a good place. She kept them there by belting out Teena Marie's "I Need Your Loving" and "Lady Marmalade" by Labelle. Both backup singers sang while Ms. Laini Marisa took a break. Cleo wowed the crowd with "Love and War"; while Daryl wooed the crowd with "Shake" by the Gap Band. Laini Marisa returned and sang "Before I let You Go" and finished the set with her newly release single "Give It To Me". Laini surprised and pleased the audience when she began singing the song in Spanish. "Give It To Me" has a strong, hot Latin beat that makes you want to move! It is available on iTunes or Amazon and can be purchased directly from her website [www.laini-marisa.com](http://www.laini-marisa.com)

The IZReel Soul Band was smokin' with; David Flowers on Lead Keyboards, Charles Miller on 2nd Keyboard, Gary Baker on Guitar, Will McCraven on Drums, JoVia Armstrong



on Percussions, and Anthony Mitchell on Bass Guitar, the weather might have been hot but this band was even hotter!

Laini Marisa is a very talented young lady performing on stage, singing background and opening up for such acts as; Garland Green with the Chi-Lites, Jerry Butler at the Star Plaza Theater, Lil' G of Silk, Frank McComb, The Average White Band, The Temptations at the Country Hills Theater, Rachelle Ferrell for the Bernie Mac Foundation, The Festival of Life in Chicago and now Musiq Soulchild! Laini is also a strong stage and musical theater actress. She has done several short films by local independent film makers. Her biggest claims to fame are her roles in Promises, Promises where she played the lead Fran and Dreamgirls, where she played Lorell, also a lead role. Laini currently calls Record Family Music Group Publishing home where she is finishing up her first original CD due to be released in September

2013. Under this publishing company, she is working with producer, songwriter and engineer B. A. Record, son of the late great Eugene Record, original lead singer and songwriter for the famous Chi-Lites. Also working with her is producer, songwriter and engineer, Ron Prince, former guitarist and singer for the hot blues group, The Kinsey Report.

Currently Laini Marisa can be enjoyed all around town performing in various locations. You can catch her with RecordPlayer Recording Artist, R & B and Blues great Ricky Red Maxwell, along with the amazing band The Elements of Time at Rev's Revelations Night Club in Country Club Hills.

Laini Marisa is a sweetie pie; she connects with her audience and talks them like they are her best friends. She is a cutie; she looks good and sounds even better!

The Country Club Hills Theater is located in downtown Country Hills, IL, and very easily accessible. Mayor



Dwight Welch invites everyone to come and enjoy this one-of-a-kind, open-air pavilion with its unique stage, state-of-the-art sound system and stunning, 8' x 17' LED video walls. He welcomes you to experience the best of the best in music, food and entertainment.

Coming July 25th is TGT, Tyrese, Ginuwine and Tank, this will be one for the grown & sexy crowd, July 26th Kirk Franklin, July 27th Dave Koz & Summer Horns and Gerald Albright. Visit website [www.countryclubhills.org](http://www.countryclubhills.org) for upcoming events and ticket information.



### Spotlight on Alumni


**IVAN BROWN**

*South Suburban College, Business, Associate Degree, 2006*

*Roosevelt University, Business, Bachelor's Degree, 2008*

*Keller Graduate School of Management, MBA, 2011*

"I BUILT MY CONFIDENCE AND THE EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE I CARRY WITH ME TODAY DURING THOSE YEARS AT SSC," SAID IVAN.



Ivan Brown, Burnham resident, has achieved much educational and career success since his graduation from South Suburban College in 2006. Ivan has already earned his MBA and currently works as a Human Resources recruiter for Loretto Hospital in Chicago. He also recently started BHR Consulting to assist small businesses with their HR needs.

"The most important aspect of my education was the intimate class setting and the relationships I had with my instructors there. The Business Program and counselors put me on the right track to further my education and prepare me to be successful when I was pursuing my Bachelor's Degree and MBA. Going to school at SSC was one of the best decisions I ever made."

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