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FOUR-TIME GRAMMY NOMINEE LEDISI BRINGS HER SONGS OF LOVE AND INSPIRATION TO THE LINCOLN THEATRE

From singing on Broadway and teaching voice at Berkeley to performing around the globe, singer/songwriter and New Orleans native Ledisi (who adopted her name from the word that means “to bring forth” in the Yoruba language of Nigeria) has composed and produced her own soul-baring music of deeply touching songs and love, intimacy, and self-assurance. Already respected in today’s black music underground, she has been one of its most inspiring independent spirits. This four-time Grammy Award nominee plays Columbus for one night only in support of her 2011 release, *Pieces of Me*.

CAPA presents Ledisi at 8pm on Tuesday, November 22, at the Lincoln Theatre (769 E. Long St.). Tickets are \$40 at the Ohio Theatre Ticket Office (39 E. State St.), all Ticketmaster outlets, and www.ticketmaster.com. To purchase by phone, please call (614) 469-0939 or (800) 745-3000. Students between the ages of 13-19 may purchase \$5 High Five tickets while available.

With her new album, *Pieces of Me*, Ledisi undoubtedly proves she is a woman to know. Loaded with emotion and charged with unparalleled soul, this record adds another dimension to the persona the singer has been sharing with audiences since her explosive entrance on the music scene a few short years ago. “Imagine some of the characteristics of Shug Avery from *The Color Purple*,” Ledisi says playfully. “She is fiery, expressive, spiritual, and uninhibited. Well, I would say this is my Shug Avery-like project,” she adds with her trademark laughter. Anyone who’s seen her dynamic live show or follows her on Twitter knows this lively and clever side of the singer, and *Pieces of Me* delivers many more.

Following her last two critically acclaimed albums—2007’s breakthrough hit *Lost and Found*, which was nominated for two Grammy® Awards including Best New Artist, and 2009’s rock/funk, attention-stealing *Turn Me Loose*, which also garnered two Grammy® nods and a #1 debut position on the *Billboard* R&B chart—*Pieces of Me* is a natural progression for a singer

possessing an involuntary penchant for growth. Delivered by an unmatched voice at the top of its game, this album marks Ledisi's shining moment.

Born in New Orleans and raised in Oakland, CA, where she says she developed ambition, drive, and an appreciation for opera, gospel, and R&B, Ledisi struggled for years. After constant rejection from recording companies, she and a partner formed their own label on which they released two independent albums, both of which gained national attention and resulted in her 2007 major label deal with Verve.

It is clear who Ledisi has become—a complex and colorful woman who is open, self-assured, creative, unafraid, and most of all, inspirational. *Pieces of Me* defines this moment in her life. "Recording this album was my therapy. Every aspect of it is who I am. But...not all of me...just *Pieces of Me*."

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