

The Herb Alpert Foundation gifts the Make-Jazz Residency at 18th Street Arts Center in Santa Monica

2012 recipient, saxophonist Matana Roberts, will perform Feb. 17

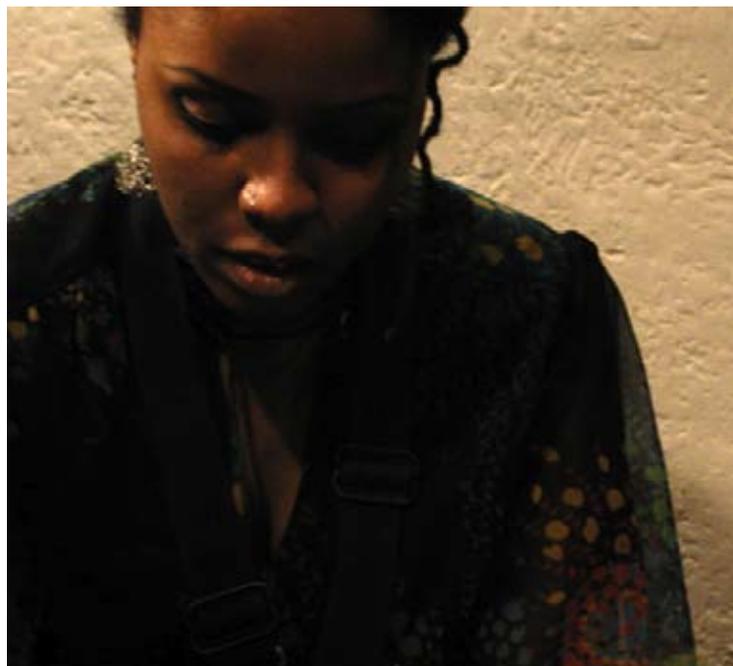
The first annual **18th Street Arts Center's Make-Jazz Residency**, funded by the **Herb Alpert Foundation**, has been awarded to **Matana Roberts**. The saxophonist, composer and sound conceptualist marks completion of her three-month artist residency with a performance at **The Edye Second Space at the Broad Stage, Santa Monica Performing Arts Center, on Feb. 17 at 8 p.m.**

At the performance, **"Matana Roberts Phoenix: A Radical Exploration of Sight/Sound/Journey,"** Roberts will unveil new and original music that she composed during her residency, which provides mid-career and burgeoning jazz artists the space and resources to focus on their work. She translates images, memories and personal experiences into **avant-garde compositions**.

The **contemporary African-American experimental musician** had access to a wide variety of instruments, rehearsal space and mixing software during her residency, while working alongside visionary experimentalists in other art disciplines.

Roberts' **five solo albums and performances in the U.S., Europe and Canada** helped qualify her as the Make-Jazz Residency recipient. A group of nominators – well recognized presenters of jazz artists as well as established musicians – chose emerging jazz artists who had attained a level of excellence in their career but were not yet recognized, and were very interested in candidates who composed their own music.

Another artist residency will be awarded in 2012. For more information visit www.18thstreet.org.



"Matana Roberts Phoenix: A Radical Exploration of Sight/Sound/Journey"

A concert by:
Matana Roberts: Saxophone, composition
Jeff Parker: Electric guitar
Alex Cline: Drums

Friday, February 17, 2012, 8:00 pm

**The Edye Second Space at the Broad Stage
Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center
1310 11th St., Santa Monica, CA 90401**

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