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# Slo\*Mo Presents: **CERTIFIED**

Your guide to Atlanta's best soul music and culture events

Chances are, this is the first time you're reading an issue of Slo\*Mo magazine.

Sure, this publication — Atlanta's definitive guide to soul music and culture — has been around in various formats since 2013; however, after the pandemic, the magazine went on a bit of a hiatus. But now, Slo\*Mo is back — with a new format and a renewed mission to shine a spotlight on the city's best soul-centric events and the people behind them. And this preview issue you're currently perusing is designed to give a first look at our new approach, kicking off with one of our newest sections: **Certified**.

Consider **Certified** your new monthly to-do list of concerts, parties, exhibitions and other events that generally don't get love in the mainstream press. Take note, though: This ain't a comprehensive list of local events or some crap culled together by AI; **Certified** is our hand-selected, curated take on the best our city has to offer. So, dive in to see what we've picked for the next 30 days or so, and plan accordingly.

*Top event picks for February 23, 2025–March 23, 2025:*



**February 23-26 — Avery\*Sunshine.** See this issue's cover story for more on Avery\*Sunshine. City Winery. More info: [citywinery.com/atlanta](http://citywinery.com/atlanta).

**February 23 — Fantastic Negrito.** The Masquerade (Hell). More info: [www.masqueradeatlanta.com](http://www.masqueradeatlanta.com).

**February 26 — Hot 8 Brass Band.** The Masquerade (Hell). More info: [www.masqueradeatlanta.com](http://www.masqueradeatlanta.com).

**February 27 — House Music is Black Music, with Magic, Mondai and Sky Jetta.** The Loft. More info: [www.centerstage-atlanta.com](http://www.centerstage-atlanta.com).

**February 28 — Echo Room Presents: Diamond D (DJ set).** The legendary beatmaker stops through one of Atlanta's premier listening rooms for a not-often-enough DJ set. Echo Room. More info: [www.echeroomatl.com](http://www.echeroomatl.com).



**February 28 — Bryce Vine, with Jayo.** The Masquerade (Heaven). More info: [www.masqueradeatlanta.com](http://www.masqueradeatlanta.com).

**March 1 — Adrian Young.** One of the creative forces behind the Jazz Is Dead initiative, multi-instrumentalist Adrian Young brings his 10-piece orchestra to the Atlanta stage. The Masquerade (Altar). More info: [www.masqueradeatlanta.com](http://www.masqueradeatlanta.com).

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FOUR DEGREES

# AVERY\* SUNSHINE

For many, February is a time when Black history is showcased and celebrated, but for singer/musician Avery\*Sunshine, this month has shaped up to be one where she makes history.

She kicked things off by earning — alongside her musical partner in crime/husband Dana Johnson — her first-ever Grammy award (for her album, *So Glad to Know You*).

And she's wrapping up the month by headlining a special, four-night residency at CityWinery Atlanta (February 23-26).

Of course, triumphs like this aren't new to this legend in the making. Here's a rundown of a few more milestones she, and several of her other talented collaborators, have marked over the years :





Besides *So Glad to Know You*, her discography includes beloved albums like the self-titled *Avery\*Sunshine*, *The SunRoom*, *Twenty Sixty Four* and *Four Songs & A Bootleg*, as well as remixes by heavy-hitting producers such as Terry Hunter and Atlanta's own Salah Ananse, among others.

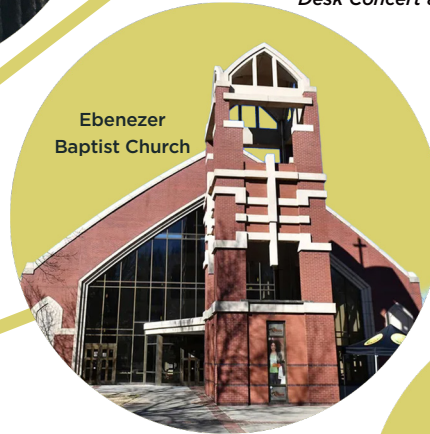


Salah Ananse



Tiny Desk Concert

Renowned for her soul-stirring performances, she's taken the stage for unforgettable live shows in Japan, on the U.K.'s award-winning *Jools Holland Show*, an episode of NPR's *Tiny Desk Concert* and many more.



Ebenezer Baptist Church

Her roots lie in the church: She served as a member of the groundbreaking gospel/soul duo *DaisyRew* and as musical director of the iconic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta.

In addition to creating award-winning music, she is also the creator of *Lou\*Mack Beauty* — a cosmetic company founded to “encourage women of color to discover, connect to and celebrate the beauty of our lineage.” ★



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**March 1 — Maysa Leak.** City Winery.  
More info: [citywinery.com/atlanta](http://citywinery.com/atlanta).

**March 3 — Monday Night Jazz Jam Session, featuring Churchill Grounds Trio Band.** TEN ATL.  
More info: [linktr.ee/TENATL](http://linktr.ee/TENATL).



**March 3 — Got That On Vinyl.** Conducted by Slo\*Mo's own DJ Larmarrous, Got That On Vinyl is "the most fun you can have on a school night." Come through for a cozy kickback, featuring dope music (all on 45 records), great beer (and other libations), record giveaways and more. Free. Halfway Crooks Beer. More info: [halfwaycrooks.beer](http://halfwaycrooks.beer).

**March 3 — Alyson Williams.** City Winery.  
More info: [citywinery.com/atlanta](http://citywinery.com/atlanta).

**March 4 — Gary Clarke Jr.** The Eastern.  
More info: [www.easternatl.com](http://www.easternatl.com).

**March 5 (weekly) — Meet Me Here: Sean Falyon + Salah Ananse.** Free. Buteco (Grant Park).  
More info: [www.butecoatlanta.com](http://www.butecoatlanta.com).

**March 6 — BOOM! Trio ft. Lavahi.** Eddie's Attic.  
More info: [eddiesattic.com](http://eddiesattic.com).

**March 7 — Najee.** City Winery.  
More info: [citywinery.com/atlanta](http://citywinery.com/atlanta).

**March 8 — Amaria.** The Masquerade (Purgatory).  
More info: [www.masqueradeatlanta.com](http://www.masqueradeatlanta.com).

**March 8 (every second Saturday) — DJ Kemit is Kickin' Up Dust.** Echo Room. More info: [www.echoroomatl.com](http://www.echoroomatl.com).

**March 8 — Tambor "Bloom" Party.** Future Atlanta.  
More info: [www.tamborparty.com](http://www.tamborparty.com).

**March 9 — Tobe Nwigwe.** Coca-Cola Roxy.  
More info: [www.cocacolaroxy.com](http://www.cocacolaroxy.com).

**March 10 — Ed Lover Presents "The Live Mix-Tape Band."** City Winery. More info: [citywinery.com/atlanta](http://citywinery.com/atlanta).

**March 11 — Natasha Blaine, Lánre, and Andrew Weaver.** Eddie's Attic. More info: [eddiesattic.com](http://eddiesattic.com).

**March 14 — Dylan Sinclair.** The Loft.  
More info: [www.centerstage-atlanta.com](http://www.centerstage-atlanta.com).

**March 21 — Tyler the Creator, with Lil Yachty and Paris Texas.** State Farm Arena. More info: [www.statefarmarena.com](http://www.statefarmarena.com).

**March 21-22 — Kindred The Family Soul.** Neo-soul's favorite couple swings into town for a two-night stand. City Winery. More info: [citywinery.com/atlanta](http://citywinery.com/atlanta).

**March 22 — Fana Hues.** Vinyl. More info: [www.centerstage-atlanta.com](http://www.centerstage-atlanta.com).

**March 22 — Gino Vannelli.** Center Stage. More info: [www.centerstage-atlanta.com](http://www.centerstage-atlanta.com).

**March 22 — Takiya Mason & The Band Of Angels.** Eddie's Attic. More info: [eddiesattic.com](http://eddiesattic.com).

**March 23 — Kraftwerk.** Catch a rare live performance by this band of electronic music pioneers. The Eastern. More info: [www.easternatl.com](http://www.easternatl.com). ★





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