

Star of Stage and Screen: Eisa Davis
“Fills every corner of the room.... open faced and open hearted.”
— *The New Yorker*



NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS — **Eisa Davis** — an acclaimed actress you might recognize as Heather Dunbar’s Chief of Staff, Cynthia Driscoll, on *House of Cards* — is also an award-winning playwright and a formidable singer and songwriter. She sits down at the piano in MASS MoCA’s Club B10 for an intimate evening of intense, minimalist soul on **Saturday, November 12, at 8pm.**

Davis is a recognizable face in the world of performance. In addition to *House of Cards*, she has had a praiseworthy career on stage and in the studio. She has been awarded numerous fellowships; was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for her play, *Bulrushes*; was awarded the prestigious Herb Alpert Award in Theatre; and was a resident playwright at New Dramatists, where she won the Helen Merrill Award and the Whitfield Cook Award. After releasing her first album, *Something Else*, to critical acclaim in 2007, it was clear that Davis’ passion and spirit were engrained in her music career as well.

Calling to mind fellow multi-hyphenate talent Audra McDonald, the world is waking up to Davis’ undeniable, poly-platform grace and skill. “Watching Davis reveal her soul through her songs, and also embody the souls of different characters, is like peeling back the petals of a rare flower,” PopMatters notes. “Her lyrics mirror the full gamut of love, relationships, and life experiences. By stripping emotions to their essence, then illuminating them in powerful stories, Davis provides a mirror for audience members to see their own beauty in her songs.” With her subtle but strong minimalist-soul sound, if the comparisons to McDonald aren’t yet coming in droves, surely they soon will. The star of the stage, **Eisa Davis**, joins us in MASS MoCA’s Club B10 on **Saturday, November 12, at 8pm.**

Join us before the show when Lickety Spit, MASS MoCA’s café, serves up crisp salads, hearty soups, and lip-smacking pub fare. A full bar serves Bright Ideas Brewing beers and Berkshire Mountain Distillery spirits. Tickets are \$10 for students, \$16 advance, \$22 day of, and \$30 preferred. Tickets for all events are available through the MASS MoCA box office located on Marshall Street in North Adams, open 11am to 5pm every day except Tuesdays. Tickets can also be charged by phone by calling 413.662.2111 during box office hours or purchased online at massmoca.org.

Images

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Gallery admission is \$18 for adults, \$16 for veterans and seniors, \$12 for students, \$8 for children 6 to 16, and free for children 5 and under. Members are admitted free year-round. The Hall Art Foundation's Anselm Kiefer exhibition is open seasonally, spring – fall. For additional information, call 413.662.2111 x1 or visit massmoca.org.

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