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Like Norah Jones and Alicia Keys before her, Alice Smith's music has plenty of soul. But in her own unique spin she encompasses rock, pop, jazz and blues as well.

Rock, Pop, Jazz and Soul

Alice Smith at Doug Fir

Singer and songwriter Alice Smith brings her four-octave range and her genre-defying style to Portland this Thursday, Aug. 2 at 9 p.m. at the Doug Fir Lounge, 830 E. Burnside.

Smith's sound is influenced by the various locales she's lived in. A city girl, who admits to being "country at heart," she was raised between Washington, D.C. and her grandmother's farm in Augusta, Ga. influences from Patti Labelle to Tina dougfirlounge.com.

Her musical influences are as diverse as her upbringing, encom- panied by piano and horn stabs on passing R&B, go-go, country, classic rock, blues, jazz and gospel and soul came from the same place. music. In the early 2000s, while still a student at Fordham University, Afro-Punk scene in New York, perand singing in Greg Tate's improv band, Moomtez.

On her impressive debut album talk to the soul. "For Lovers, Dreamers & Me" Smith uses her four-octave vocal to evoke of show. For more information visit

and now resides in Brooklyn, N.Y. Turner and even Fiona Apple. From the opening beat accom-"Dream," Smith reminds us that rock

Recently turned 29, she seamlessly mixes rock and soul into she honed her skills in the nascent her own and represents the true definition of an artist, who takes forming with artists like Tamar Kali chances, rejects categories and goes with her heart. The result: A refreshing collection of songs that

Tickets are \$9 advance, \$10 day

Cajun Rock Entertains at Oregon Garden

Take the rich Cajun traditions of Louisiana and artfully blend elements of zydeco, New Orleans jazz, Tex-Mex, country, blues and more. This recipe will come together when the Grammy winner and esteemed Cajun group BeauSoleil performs with Michael Doucet and The Subdudes at the Oregon Garden in Silverton on Thursday, Aug. 2 at 7 p.m.

The Oregon garden is one of the state's most popular destinations with thousands of plants displayed across 80 acres in more than 20 specialty gardens.

Tickets are \$21.15 for Oregon Garden Members and \$23.50 for non-members.



BeauSoleil performs traditional Louisiana music at the Oregon Garden in Silverton on Thursday, Aug. 2. For more information, visit www.oregongarden.org.

