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Vocalist Alma Micic at Train Park

The Bronx Council on the Arts and Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz present a free concert by jazz vocalist Alma Micic on Thursday, August 26, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at Amalgamated Train Park on the corner of Orloff Avenue and Gail Place in Riverdale. The concert is open to the public and all are welcome. Admission is free.

In the event of rain the performance will be moved indoors to Vladeck Hall, Amalgamated Houses, 74 Van Cortlandt Park South at Hillman Avenue.

Alma Micic was born and raised in Belgrade, Serbia. At the age of 16 she started performing with a local quartet at a time when jazz was making a big comeback in Belgrade. Soon she became a featured vocalist with the Radio Belgrade Big Band and began touring and appearing at many local jazz festivals as well as television and radio broadcasts.

Alma's highly successful new album "The Hours" beautifully displays her songwriting and arranging talents in addition to her exquisite singing. The album has been praised by renowned international publications such as *Downbeat*, *JazzTimes*, *Jazzwise*, and *All About Jazz*.

Alma has been a resident of New York City since 2000. With her band, she has appeared at prominent venues such as the Jazz Standard, Scullers, Iridium Jazz Club, Cecil's Jazz Club as well as various international festivals and concert halls. Her first album "Introducing Alma", hailed as "a striking debut" by *Jazz Review*, received radio airplay throughout the US, including Voice of America, XM Satellite Radio and international radio stations in South America, Japan and Europe. Alma Micic was also featured in a one hour NPR/WGBH Radio special "The Jazz Songbook."

Alma's singing has been described as "confident, soulful, vulnerable, rhythmically savvy, with the most sensual vibrato you're likely to hear" (*All About Jazz*).

This evening's concert is a part of BxIndie programming sponsored by BCA. BxIndie events are designed to encourage artists and arts collectives to explore new performance sites, to break new ground in various disciplines and to get closer to their audience, thus increasing community participation while fostering an environment for the arts to thrive. BxIndie is a NYC Cultural Innovation Fund project funded by the Rockefeller Foundation.

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