

THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION

With credits ranging from **Stevie Wonder, Gregory Porter and Andra Day** to **Lauryn Hill** and a roster of acclaimed «musician's musicians» in between, the Kennedy Administration's instrumental trio has seen, heard and played a lot of great music over the past few years. The band has been refining their sound and irresistible stage presence for three years at their Groove residency in NYC. With this quartet's singular namesake at the microphone, Kennedy, you'll experience right away how hard it is not to be captured by her joy and energy. Forging a sound and identity for itself, the Kennedy Administration is creating sensory, soulful modern jazz with elements of R&B, hip-hop and pop judiciously applied. You will move to the rhythms of Nat Townsley and feel every vibe Ondre J plays when the funk, jazz and R&B sounds leave the keys.

Kennedy's joy and passion are contagious. This particular Kennedy Administration is ushering in a brand new «Great Society» of sweet music.

KENNEDY, Lead Singer

Motor City native Kennedy made her way to New York not too long ago. She carved out a formidable body of work thanks to a vocal style that combines resemblances of significant influences like Ella Fitzgerald, Sade, Anita Baker, a dash of Luther Vandross, and a particular mix of playfulness and seductive poise. In a few short years since coming east, in one of the world's most competitive entertainment capitals, Kennedy has amassed gigs and collaborations with **Lalah Hathaway, Christina Aguilera, Kenny Lattimore, Monifah and Cheryl Pepsi- Riley**.

ONDRE J, Keys

Ondre is a celebrated keyboardist, composer, recording artist and bandleader from the Czech Republic. On this side of the Atlantic Ocean, he's also music director and resident organ player at a Gospel Church in Brooklyn. In 2016 he made his first appearance, courtesy of Grammy Award winning jazz singer **Gregory Porter**, on a recording for the venerable **Blue Note** jazz label. His resumé already boasted dates **Glastonbury** and **North Sea Jazz** festivals, an opening slot with **Andra Day** for r&b star **Toni Braxton**, performance with the legendary hip-hop group **Wu-Tang Clan** and a tour in front of total of 70,000 people as keyboardist for French pop singer **Ayo**.

NAT TOWNSLEY, Drums

Playing drums in his father's church at the age of three was a natural progression that barely hinted at all this musical prodigy would accomplish. Nathaniel has traveled all over the world, playing a broad range of different genres of music. He utilized his unparalleled skills to record and tour with artists such as **Stevie Wonder, Mariah Carey, Alejandro Sanz, Nile Rogers & Chic, The Zawinul Syndicate, Lalah Hathaway, Jessica Simpson and the Kiss FM Band- Karl Brown Smooth Improvisations**, just to name a few. His keenness and sensitivity to music, people and the world around him, continually elevates him beyond being an extraordinary drummer. Truly, even in silence, Nathaniel's unique touch can be heard through the legacy of his artistry!