



The princess of neosoul, Algebra Blessett coming to the Dakota, Oct. 27

She's worked with everyone from Anthony Hamilton to Anthony David, Esperanza Spalding and Eric Roberson, and now, with her latest album, Algebra Blessett is shining on her own.

Known by most of her fans as simply Algebra, the Atlanta-born singer is set to release her long awaited sophomore LP, "Recovery" later next month. The singer/songwriter will be debuting some of her new music, as well as performing several of her well-known tunes, when she takes the stage at the Dakota Jazz Club, 1010 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis, on Sunday, Oct. 27 for her 7 p.m. show.

"I'm so excited to be performing in Minneapolis," said Algebra, who said the last time she was on stage in the Twin Cities was as a background singer to R&B sensation, Monica during a Nickelodeon tour several years ago. "It's going to be a great show full of love and energy."

Though Algebra has been singing professionally for years, it was her debut LP, "Purpose" that garnered her a legion of hardcore fans who seem to adore her every lyric.

"When I write I'm inspired by life and life experience," said Algebra, who has penned songs such as "Talk to Her" recorded by India.Arie. "I just try to be honest and say what comes from my heart. Maybe that's why my music speaks to so many people. Maybe I'm a slight mirror image to people or maybe I show people a different side of themselves."

Highly sought after as a vocalist, Algebra has been featured on several chart-topping collaborations including the Billboard No. 1 R&B single, "4Evermore" with Anthony David and most recently on Esperanza Spalding's "Black Gold."

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Now, nearly five years after the release of "Purpose" Algebra is eager for the release of "Recovery."

"We're really excited about this project," said Algebra. "The difference between this album and 'Purpose' is I had more insight into the music with this one. 'Purpose' was more of a melting pot of songs I had. When I put this album together it was based on me being a live performer and how I perform songs live with a band or acoustically."

Algebra worked with several well-known producers on "Recovery" including Grammy Award winner Brian Michael Cox (Usher, Monica, Keyshia Cole), Kwame Holland and Shannon Sanders. She also has a duet with Quinnes "Q" Parker from 112. The debut single, "Nobody But You," is quickly moving up the R&B and urban adult contemporary charts.

"It's one of those feel good songs about someone needing to know that party is feeling the other party even when they don't seem to," said Algebra.

Known not only for her singing and songwriting, Algebra has added another feather to her ever-growing cap – aerial artist. During select shows, Algebra performs an aerial dance with the help of ribbon suspended from the ceiling.

"It started from a birthday gift I received to a trapeze school and I saw what the aerial artists were doing and I loved it," said the petite singer. "I love the expressive aspect of it."

Algebra's Sunday, Oct. 27 show at the Dakota takes place at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the Dakota box office at (612) 332-5299 or online at www.dakotacooks.com/event/algebra-blessett/.

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