

GUEST ARTISTS PARTICIPATING IN THE FEBRUARY 8, 2021, CONCERT



Sara Zoe (pronounced like *allegro*, *risotto*, *One-Woman Show*) **Budnik** is a vocalist from Southern California and New York City who hops from genre to genre. Sara Zoe has performed in cabaret venues, regional theatres, toured nationally, performed across the seas via world cruise, and even finished in the top 20 for Miss NY USA. Broadway World described Sara Zoe's Mezzo-Soprano vocals as "Moving" and "Soulful" and that her performance "exudes a warmth that is hard to describe."

As a proud member of the USO Show Troupe, Sara Zoe has the honor of saluting America's military through music that ranges from big band to Americana to today's top 40 hits. Sara Zoe has also had the pleasure to perform as a soloist with the El Paso Symphony Orchestra and the Firelands Symphony Orchestra.

Born and raised in California, she took off to Cleveland to obtain her Bachelor of Music in Music Theatre at Baldwin Wallace University's Conservatory of Music where she received top-notch triple-threat training, all the while learning how to survive lake-effect snow.

Sara Zoe is also one of Savannah's newest residents! After being a semifinalist in the American Traditions Competition in February of 2020, she fell in love with Savannah and made the move here from NYC! You can see more of Sara Zoe at hellosarazoe.com.

Saxophonist Greg Whittaker is a native of Jacksonville, Florida. Upon graduating From Andrew Jackson High School in 1982, he chose to further his musical opportunities in the United States Marine Corps Music Program. After completing the basic, intermediate, and advance courses at the Armed Forces School of Music, he served in various musical capacities in Marine bands throughout Far East Asia and the Continental United States. Gregory retired from the Corps after completing 20 years of continuous service on June 26, 2002.

Greg is most notably known for his work with Hilton Head Island's very own "Deas Guyz Band." He was a featured artist with a band organized especially for the New Line Cinema motion picture, *The Notebook*. He was also featured on "Sweet Surprises," a collection of spiritual love songs by South Carolina native and star of Nickelodeon's *Gullah, Gullah Island*, Ron Daise. Greg was a featured musician with the South Carolina Jazz All Stars at the 3 Rivers Music Festival in which he performed with the legendary South Carolina State University Jazz Hall of Fame inductee Skip Pearson as well as Fred Wesley, known for his work as the musical director for James Brown, member of Parliament Funkadelic, SOS band, Cameo, and Ray Charles, just to name a few.

