

SHANARA THE MOUTHPEACE

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SHANARA “THE MOUTHPEACE” SANDERS RECEIVES ACCLAIM FOR THE JAZZ & HIM MUSIC VIDEO.

CHICAGO—Shanara “The MouthPeace” Sanders shows her artistry and creativity in the music video for *Jazz & Him*. Recorded in January 2013, the music video was officially released on Feb. 14, 2013. *Jazz & Him* has garnered much acclamation at multiple venues, performed in front of Kindred the Family Soul and Jill Scott and featured in the *Kyles Files* and the *Love Jones* stage play. The song was also a finalist in the CommUNITY Café contest, competing to open for Black Star. In addition to its live performances, *Jazz & Him* has been played on several internet radio stations.

The music video was produced by Shanara the MouthPeace herself, but shot and directed by Artsy McGenius. *Jazz & Him* captures Chicago since living spaces in Washington Park and West Loop are seen in the music video. “We shot the live part at the *Some Like It Black* poetry set. We also filmed at Promontory Point,” said Shanara the MouthPeace.

In addition to Chicago, *Jazz & Him* captures the love and romance between a man and woman. “In the essence of the classic movie, *Love Jones*, we wanted to capture the essence of what real love looks like, feels like and sounds like. We wanted it to be tastefully sensual,” said Shanara the MouthPeace. “Subliminally saying that true love exists and persists, Black Love is ever strong. We simultaneously wanted to showcase our beautiful city of Chicago.”

Shanara the MouthPeace credits Margaret Mahdi, the writer and director of *Love Jones*, for featuring *Jazz & Him* in her play. She also uses words by Mahdi to describe her music video. “Mahdi’s words, ‘*Love is word. Love is responsibility. Love is worth fighting for.*’, describes my music video,” said Shanara the MouthPeace. “It syncs with the message of *Jazz & Him* and defines true love in its entirety.” Kyra Kyles, writer of the *Kyles Files*, also shares her thoughts about *Jazz & Him*. “It’s cooler than lake effect snow. This jazz-infused jam tells a story of infatuation and love,” said Kyles. “And I’m definitely cosigning the lyrics.”



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