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WESTHAMPTON BEACH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER PRESENTS

# Bettye LaVette

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 AT 8:00PM

*"...pure, magnificent soul: passion carried by an eloquent voice and exquisite timing"*  
**The New York Times**

**Westhampton Beach, NY May 9, 2008:** Classic soul songstress **Bettye LaVette**, who recently scored her first Grammy nomination and two Blues Critic Awards, brings her fiery performance to The **Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center** on **Sunday, June 1 at 8:00pm.**

The passion displayed in Bettye LaVette's spine-tingling vocals is utterly undeniable. Bettye's whiskey-stained voice infuses her songs with a fierce mix of pride, hurt, resignation, strength, and humility - traits that make her one of the finest R&B singers of our time. At one moment her voice will exude a formidable level of power and intensity and the next will appear vulnerable, reflective and reeking of heartbreak. The sheer power of her talent caused ROLLING STONE to report, "LaVette's nuanced singing evokes prime Tina Turner with even more command."

Although Bettye LaVette has been recording for over four decades, up until recent years she has remained critically unknown. With music to match the raw roar of her voice and songs that draw on her hard won life experiences, Bettye's latest release, *The Scene of the Crime*, is a one-of-a-kind record filled with mini-dramas about life, love and survival. The album is a blistering mix of anguished soul & greasy rock & roll, laced with swampy guitars, a slippery Wurlitzer piano and Bettye's razor sharp voice in the forefront. Continuing on a bold ascent, Bettye LaVette's essential new entry into the soul music canon channels more than 40 years of her blood, sweat, and shattered dreams into one glorious catharsis.

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**Tickets are \$60, \$50, and \$40. Call the Box office at (631) 288-1500 or stop by 76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach, Wednesday to Sunday, between 12 p.m. and 6 p.m., and later on show nights, or purchase tickets On-Line at [www.WHBPAC.org](http://www.WHBPAC.org).**

