

# SPOLETO — FESTIVAL USA

## Media Alert: Spoleto announces the addition of Leyla McCalla to opening night lineup.

Performing May 26, 2023, at 9:00pm in the Cistern Yard | Tickets on sale now

**What:** New Orleans-based singer and multi-instrumentalist Leyla McCalla joins the 2023 season of Spoleto Festival USA.

Singer, composer, and multi-instrumentalist Leyla McCalla mines her Haitian American heritage for a sound at once earthy, elegant, and soulful—and vibrating with Creole, Cajun, and American jazz and folk influences. Formerly a cellist with the Grammy-winning string band Carolina Chocolate Drops and part of the ensemble Our Native Daughters, the “liquid-voiced” McCalla topped NPR’s “Best Roots Music of 2022” with her latest solo project, *Breaking the Thermometer*.

This concert replaces the performance of Ebony Bones, which, due to extenuating circumstances, has been cancelled.

**For ticket holders:** Festivalgoers who have purchased Ebony Bones tickets will automatically be transferred to Leyla McCalla’s concert, no action required. If plans are changing, ticket holders may exchange tickets at no cost, request a refund, or convert the purchase to a tax-deductible donation. Ticket holders can contact the Spoleto Box Office at 843.579.3100.

**Photos:** Images can be found in the [2023 season performance gallery](#).

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