



LISTENING-ROOM EXPERIENCES

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A LETTER FROM CHAYE

Thank you for taking the time to explore my work.

I believe the most memorable gatherings aren't defined by the size of the audience or the prestige of the venue. They're defined by how people feel while they're there, and what they carry with them when they leave.

I've spent decades building rooms, literal and otherwise, where people slow down long enough to actually listen. To each other, to a song, to a story they didn't know they needed to hear. That instinct started in a small boutique lounge in South Carolina and has grown into something larger: a philosophy I call Sophisti-Soul, and a body of work that spans music, literature, and live performance.

What I create are listening-room experiences: gatherings where story, music, and soul meet, built for audiences who come to feel something, not just watch something.

In the pages that follow, you'll discover experiences built for performing arts centers, libraries, museums, wineries, universities, festivals, and cultural organizations. From an evening of jazz and soul to intimate salon gatherings of story and wine, each one is designed to linger long after the room empties.

Warmly,
Chaye



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THE LISTENING-ROOM EXPERIENCES

Every gathering is shaped to bring people together through music, story, and soul, from intimate rooms to larger settings. Choose the event that best fits your audience.

Each one invites a different response: to feel, savor, wonder, or grow. Yet all ask the same thing of the room: slow down and stay a while.

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THE SOUL JAZZ EXPERIENCE

An evening of contemporary jazz and soul grooves, curated with the care and intention that define the Chayz Lounge experience.

The Soul Jazz Experience features a dynamic mix of emerging talent and acclaimed national artists who have graced the Chayz Lounge stage. Drawing on years of presenting and curating artists, Chaye shapes every evening through pacing, presentation, and atmosphere.

More than simply booking an artist, Chaye shapes an evening designed to be felt, not just watched, inviting audiences to settle in, listen, and connect with the performance.

Length: 75 or 90 minutes

Presentation: Solo, duo, or full-band performances, tailored to the artist and space.

Setting: The perfect fit for venues seeking a soulful evening of contemporary jazz, from intimate lounges to performance spaces.

Audience Takeaways

- A world-class live music experience, shaped with intention
- An evening that feels personal, not like a standard concert booking
- Performances tailored to the room and the occasion

Ready to bring The Soul Jazz Experience to your venue? Turn to Booking & Contact for availability and details.



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STORIES IN A GLASS

A wine tasting where every pour tells a story, and every glass invites connection.

More than a wine tasting, Stories in a Glass is a listening-room experience where storytelling, wine, and live music come together to slow the pace and deepen the moment.

Guided by Chaye, guests move through stories inspired by life's turning points and shared experiences, each paired with a wine introduced with intention so every pour becomes part of the narrative. Live jazz carries the evening forward, one story and one glass at a time.

Length: 75 or 90 minutes

Presentation: Guided storytelling paired with wine, with live jazz accompaniment. Can be presented with chef-curated pairings or adapted to a venue's own culinary offerings.

Setting: Designed for intimate gatherings where guests can relax, engage, and savor the experience together. Beautifully suited for wineries, restaurants, cultural venues, museums, private clubs, and culinary events.

Audience Takeaways

- A new way of experiencing wine, paired with meaning instead of just tasting notes
- An evening that feels personal and unhurried, not performed
- Stories and pairings that linger past the last pour



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CHAYEOLOGY LIVE: REFLECTIONS IN RHYTHM

Where words meet music, and stories become conversation.

Chayeology is life through Chaye's lens, shaped by lived experience and quiet observation, the ongoing subject of her Substack publication of the same name.

This event is an interactive evening where Chaye Alexander's writing, storytelling, and music move as one. Set to live jazz, Chaye shares pieces drawn from her Chayeology writings and Reflections in the Rhythm of Life, exploring life's turning points, heartbreak, awakening, and becoming. Selected pieces invite meaningful exchange, making the audience part of an experience.

No two evenings are exactly alike. Warm, unhurried, and genuinely responsive to the room, Chayeology Live creates space for the kind of dialogue that stays with you long after the evening ends.

Length: 60 to 90 minutes

Presentation: An intimate, interactive evening featuring readings, storytelling, live jazz, and audience exchange.

Setting: Designed for libraries, bookstores, museums, cultural organizations, private clubs, universities, retreat centers, and other intimate spaces suited for immersive listening and meaningful connection.

Audience Takeaways

- Fresh perspectives inspired by thoughtful conversation and shared experiences
- A deeper appreciation for the stories that shape our lives and the lives of others
- Meaningful connections built through open dialogue and active listening
- Time and space to reflect, question, and see familiar ideas in a new light



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THE ENTREPRENEUR'S TABLE

Where visionaries gather to share ideas, challenge assumptions, and build with intention.

Inspired by Earn The Return and Chaye's decades of experience building creative ventures, The Entrepreneur's Table is an intimate conversation for entrepreneurs, artists, founders, and leaders who believe that building something meaningful requires more than strategy alone.

Rather than offering formulas or step-by-step instruction, Chaye guides participants to think differently, ask better questions, and learn from one another in an atmosphere that values authenticity over performance. Every gathering is shaped by the people around the table, making each experience as unique as the exchange it inspires.

Length: 60 to 90 minutes

Presentation: Led by Chaye Alexander in an interactive salon-style discussion featuring storytelling, audience participation, and practical insights drawn from real-world experience.

Setting: Ideal for intimate venues, leadership conferences, entrepreneurial organizations, chambers of commerce, universities, and innovation hubs seeking a conversation-centered experience.

Audience Takeaways

- Greater clarity around your vision and the courage to protect it
- Honest insights into the realities of entrepreneurship, leadership, and reinvention
- Meaningful conversations that spark new ideas and lasting connections
- Encouragement to build a business that reflects your values, not just your goals



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WHO SHE IS

Chaye Alexander is the founder of Chayz Lounge, an award-winning listening room, an author and Experience Curator behind the Sophisti-Soul lifestyle.

She creates experiences that inspire, using words as the message and music as the atmosphere. A Brooklyn native, Chaye has spent decades building a world where every detail is chosen on purpose.

She has redefined hospitality not as service, but as a feeling, an ethos carried through Chayz Lounge and Chayz Lounge Radio, her debut spoken word album *Reflections in the Rhythm of Life*, and a growing body of written work that includes *Earn The Return: A Musician's Guide to Getting Gigs & Being Invited Back* and the forthcoming *The Woman in Apartment 3B* and *Chayeology: Reflections on Life, Love, and Becoming*.

Her influence extends well beyond her own walls, from her role as Musical Director of a regional jazz festival to her ongoing work supporting South Carolina's music community, recognized with the Pillar of the Community Award and the Lexington County, SC NAACP Champion for Change Award.

Chayeology is the life she draws from. Sophisti-Soul is how she brings people into it. Together, they shape every experience in this guide, whether it's an evening of jazz and soul, a salon gathering of story and wine, or a conversation built around what it takes to build something that lasts.

WHAT ARTISTS SAY

"Chaye's warm personality and professionalism created the perfect environment to share my thoughts and music freely with music lovers all over the world." — Melba Moore

"Thanks for a memorable interview." — Will Downing



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THE ECOSYSTEM

Chayz Lounge

Nestled in West Columbia's River District, Chayz Lounge is an intimate, award-winning boutique listening room where live jazz, storytelling, and elevated hospitality come together in an unhurried setting built for listening, and, when the evening calls for it, conversation.

For nearly a decade, Chayz Lounge has welcomed guests from across the country for curated experiences that have earned a reputation for excellence and a loyal following. As Chayz Lounge prepares for its next chapter in Durham, North Carolina, it remains the place where the listening-room experiences featured in this guide were first imagined, refined, and brought to life.

Chayz Lounge Radio

Born from an idea in 2004, Chayz Lounge Radio launched five years later as a global streaming station dedicated to delivering smooth jazz and soulful sophistication, extending the listening-room experience beyond any single venue and into homes, offices, and everyday life.

Reflections in the Rhythm of Life

Chaye's debut spoken-word album unfolds as one continuous listening experience, set against smooth jazz textures and evocative storytelling. Created for evening listening, long drives, and moments of introspection, it invites listeners to slow the pace, quiet the noise, and make room for what matters most. Music doesn't lead the experience. It deepens it. Available on all streaming platforms. CD and vinyl available via ElasticStage.

Literary Work

As an author, Chaye writes from the intersection of truth, experience, and intention. Her debut book, *Earn The Return: A Musician's Guide to Getting Gigs & Being Invited Back*, draws from her years in the world of music, blending real-life experience with lessons in respect, professionalism, and preparation. Available on Amazon, IngramSpark, and Barnes & Noble online. More literary work is on the way.



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RECOGNITION & COMMUNITY

- Pillar of the Community Award
- Champion for Change Award, Lexington County, SC NAACP
- Board Member, South Carolina Jazz Foundation
- Musical Director, Richland County Parks & Recreation Foundation Jazz Fest
- Visionary behind West Columbia's Meeting Street Music Fest

BOOKING & CONTACT

Ready to bring one of these experiences to your venue? We'd love to help make it happen.

Every listening-room experience in this guide can be tailored to your space, your audience, and your occasion. Reach out to discuss availability, pricing, and the details that will make your event unforgettable.

Booking Options

Experiences may be booked for a flat engagement fee or presented as a ticketed event. For ticketed presentations, ticketing and promotion are managed directly by Chaye Alexander, while your venue provides the space and retains all food and beverage revenue.

Together, we'll determine the experience that best fits your space, audience, and goals.

Booking Inquiries: info@ChayeAlexander.com.