



CURATED 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 reflection 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 intimate evenings of stories and songs to literary conversations and spoken jazz performances, each one is curated for audiences who come to feel something, not just watch something, and each one stays with your guests long after the room empties.

Warmly,
Chaye



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THE LISTENING-ROOM EXPERIENCES

Every gathering is built to invite connection through story, music, and reflection, from intimate rooms of 20 to grand halls of 500. Choose the experience that's right for your audience.

Each experience invites a different response, to feel, to savor, to reflect, to grow, but all of them ask the same thing of a room: slow down, and stay a while.

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STORIES IN A GLASS

Where every pour tells a story, and every story 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 rhythms 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

Where ideas become conversation, and conversation becomes connection.

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

Chayeology Live brings that world into the room: an intimate salon-style gathering that opens with a reading or story, drawing out questions that invite the room into dialogue. Guests aren't simply listening to a presentation, they're part of the conversation, sharing perspectives and discovering familiar ideas in a new light.

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, salon-style format featuring a guided reading, storytelling, audience discussion, and optional live musical interludes.

Setting: Designed for libraries, bookstores, museums, cultural organizations, private clubs, universities, retreat centers, and other intimate spaces that encourage thoughtful conversation and shared reflection.

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.

More conversation than seminar, *The Entrepreneur's Table* is an intimate gathering for entrepreneurs, founders, creatives, and leaders who believe that building something meaningful requires more than strategy alone. Drawing from the principles in her book *Earn The Return: A Musician's Guide to Getting Gigs & Being Invited Back*, Chaye Alexander blends years of real-world experience in the music industry with lessons in respect, professionalism, and preparation, exploring what it truly takes to build something that lasts.

Rather than offering formulas or step-by-step instruction, the conversation invites 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 conversations it inspires.

Length: 60 to 90 minutes

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

Setting: Ideal for leadership retreats, entrepreneurial organizations, chambers of commerce, universities, innovation hubs, private clubs, and organizations seeking a thoughtful, 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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LITERARY DISCUSSIONS

Where the story on the page becomes the story in the room.

Literary Discussions bring audiences beyond the page and into the work itself, through readings, discussion, and audience Q&A. Drawing from her published books and forthcoming titles, Chaye Alexander shares the stories behind the stories, the craft, the choices, and the life that shaped them, closing, when the venue allows, with a book signing.

Length: 60 or 75 minutes

Presentation: Readings, discussion, and audience Q&A, with an optional book-signing to close the evening.

Setting: Designed for libraries, bookstores, and literary festivals looking to bring their audience closer to the story behind the book.

Audience: Ideal for gatherings of 20 to 200 guests.

Audience Takeaways

- A closer relationship with the author and her creative process
- New insight into the craft and life behind the books
- A signed keepsake and a personal moment with the author



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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Where lived experience becomes insight, tailored to the room.

Chaye Alexander's Speaking Engagements draw on decades spent building an ecosystem across music, literature, hospitality, and media, shaped into a keynote or conversation for the specific goals of your event. She speaks on creativity, purpose, and intentional living, grounded in real experience rather than borrowed theory, and every format flexes to fit the room, from a formal keynote to a moderated panel to a relaxed fireside conversation.

Length: 30, 45, or 60 minutes, with optional audience Q&A

Presentation: Keynote, moderated discussion, or intimate conversation, tailored to the tone and goals of your event.

Setting: Suited for conference stages, university halls, and professional gatherings alike, from a formal keynote setup to a more relaxed fireside conversation.

Sample Topics

- **Earn The Return:** the principles of professionalism, preparation, and presence that apply to any career.
- **From Vision to Reality:** The journey from a 2004 idea to a global streaming station, boutique venue, and growing body of written work.
- **Life's Tempo:** how everyday moments become our greatest teachers.

Audience: Scales from an intimate setting of 25 to a full house of 500 or more.

Audience Takeaways

- Practical insight they can carry into their own work and lives
- A fresh perspective on creativity, purpose, and intentional living
- An engagement that feels personal, not like a canned keynote



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REFLECTIONS IN RHYTHM

Where story and song become one, and every note holds a memory.

Reflections in Rhythm is a listening-room performance where storytelling and live music move as one, drawing from Chaye Alexander's writings and her album Reflections in the Rhythm of Life. Backed by a trio, she moves through pieces inspired by life's turning points, heartbreak, awakening, and becoming, letting each story breathe before the music carries it forward. No two performances are identical, the set can lean into album favorites or new material, shaped by the room and the occasion.

Length: 75 minutes

Presentation: Presented with live piano, guitar, or trio. Can also be adapted for venues without live accompaniment.

Setting: Designed for intimate listening environments where audiences can settle into the experience and connect through story and music.

Audience: At home in rooms of 25 to 250 guests.

Audience Takeaways

- A deeper connection to the turning points in their own lives
- An experience that feels closer to theater than a traditional concert
- Poetry and music that stay with them well past the evening



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WHO SHE IS

Chaye Alexander is an Experience Curator, Author, Creative Visionary, and creator of 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 honors from the Lexington County, SC NAACP.

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 a listening-room performance, a salon conversation, or a keynote built for the moment.

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 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 blends reflective storytelling with smooth jazz textures and soulful undertones. Designed as one immersive listening experience, 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.

Literary Work

As an author, Chaye writes from the intersection of truth, experience, and reflection. 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.

Forthcoming titles include *The Woman in Apartment 3B* and *Chayeology: Reflections on Life, Love, and Becoming*, with a growing catalog of literary work to follow.



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RECOGNITION & COMMUNITY

- Pillar of the Community Award
- Honoree, 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 model that best fits your venue, audience, and goals.

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Spoken Word Album: *Reflections in the Rhythm of Life* available on Spotify, Apple Music, and all streaming platforms. CD and vinyl available via ElasticStage.

Books: Available on Amazon, IngramSpark, and Barnes & Noble online.

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