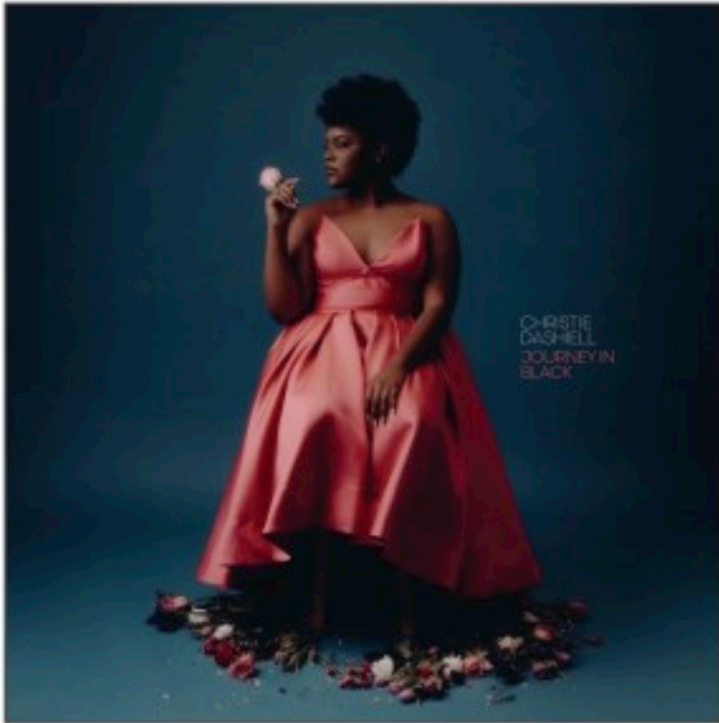


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Christie Dashiell

Journey In Black

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Christie Dashiell is a poet, songwriter and singer with an impressive range. She's the daughter of noted bass player Carroll Dashiell Jr. and says she was born with music in her blood. *Journey* is her second album and should solidify her position as one of today's most innovative vocalists and composers. Her original songs deal with love in its various aspects, as well as the search for personal and political freedom.

Dashiell is backed by her touring band:

Allyn Johnson on keys, bass player Romeir Mendez and her brother Carroll "CV" Dashiell III on drums. The arrangements touch on jazz, R&B and soul, giving everyone an opportunity to stretch out. Dashiell's impressive yodel/scat opens "Ancestral Folk Song." The trio's slowly building improvisations add drama to the intro, before Dashiell sings the verses in her mid-range. It could be an invocation to the goddess of song, paying homage to the hope every sunrise brings.

Dashiell's melisma-drenched lead vocal is backed by her multitracked wordless harmonies on "Always Stay," a smooth a cappella love ballad. It's followed by "Influence," a free-flowing showcase for her scatting. She delivers a chorus with a potent, wordless hook and scatted verses that display of her vocal range, as she slides up and down the scale. It ends with an impressive exchange with her brother CV's drumming. Guest organ player Shedrick Mitchell adds a hint of gospel to the album closer, "Brother Sister." It's a moving prayer for Black lives, born and unborn, and the trials they confront.

—j. poet

Journey In Black: Ancestral Folk Song; Grief; How It Ends; Anyone Who Had A Heart; Always Stay; Influence; The Things You Do; Invitation; Brother Sister. (55:01)

Personnel: Christie Dashiell, vocals; Allyn Johnson, piano, Fender Rhodes, Wurliitzer, synths; Romeir Mendez, acoustic and electric bass; Carroll "CV" Dashiell III, drums; Shedrick Mitchell, organ; Marquis Hill, trumpet.

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