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Kelley Suttentfield brings her wonderful world to Saturday's LI Jazz Winterfest

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Not only is she breathtakingly lovely to behold, but [Kelley Suttentfield](#)'s voice gently lights upon covers as if they were brand new. Originally from Virginia and raised on church choirs, school solos, and classical piano competitions, Suttentfield began to truly make her mark in New York City as a vocalist for hire and a distinguished, multi-cultural fusion artist, broadening her classical, country music spectrum to encompass more theater, neo-classic jazz, and World Music.

She's playing with her ensemble this coming Saturday, March 19th, 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., at [Macari Vineyards](#) (150 Bergen Ave., Mattituck, NY, 631-298-0100) for the [Long Island Winterfest "Jazz on the Vine."](#) There, audiences will love the way she takes familiar tunes, imposes a wide variety of favorite

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styles and influences from American songbook and Beatles-pop, to Brazilian and Carnatic (South Indian), and redirects beats to her own gravitational flow.

A Manhattan, Virginia and overseas favorite, the singer also enjoyed more mainstream access with her 2009 debut album, "Where Is Love?," with Rhombus Records. She takes hold of the usually over-done "Nature Boy" – made famous in 1948 by Nat King Cole – and brilliantly transforms it into a Carnatic South Indian vocal overlay, a revelation. The 1958 Platters' hit "Twilight Time" becomes another revelation with twangs of country, Django, and jazz, somehow enhancing the lyrical alliteration in a fanciful (the keyboard/acoustic guitar work here is well-versed), romantically wistful pop gem. It's a perfect vehicle for her cadence mastery, as she rearranges the movements and octaves, entirely according to her rhythmic

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See what the fuss is about. Kelley Suttenfield and her ensemble participate in this year's Long Island annual Winterfest, March 19th, then she'll move on to the [Moon Dancer Wintery Jazz Festival](#) in Wrightsville, PA, for a May 29th, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. concert band performance (717-252-WINE).

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