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Leora Cashe

Inspiration

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IF YOU'RE GOING TO SING GOSPEL tunes, you'd better keep it real. Insincerity can be spotted a mile off.

Local jazz and gospel singer Leora Cashe is definitely genuine on her latest CD, *Inspiration*, a collection of 15 songs beginning with the eighth-century Irish hymn "Be Thou My Vision" and moving into Mahalia Jackson's "It Don't Cost Very Much." The CD mellows for a few too many songs before tackling the livelier "I Go to the Rock." Having honed her skills with the Universal Gospel Choir and The Gospel Experience, Cashe has the pipes to deliver the goods—even if not every song choice is as strong and uplifting as the first two tracks.

—Fiona Hughes

Cashe and musical guests perform a benefit concert Dec. 18 at 8 p.m. at the Chan Family Health Theatre at B.C. Children's Hospital. Call 604-257-0366 for tickets.