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# CATALINA

## Bar & Grill

PRESENTS

***“AN EVENING WITH CORKY HALE”***  
**WITH SPECIAL GUEST**  
**KATHY SLEDGE OF SISTER SLEDGE**  
**PERFORMING SELECTIONS OF BILLIE HOLIDAY**



**Pianist CORKY HALE accompanying Singer BILLIE HOLIDAY**



**CORKY HALE**



**KATHY SLEDGE**

**ONE NIGHT ONLY!!! WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013 at 8:30 P.M.**

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**Catalina Bar & Grill To Present “A Evening With Corky Hale” with Special Guest, Kathy Sledge of Sister Sledge Performing Selection of Billie Holiday – Page 2 of 3**

**Los Angeles, CA (February 25, 2013) – Catalina Bar & Grill will present “An Evening With Corky Hale” performing selections of Billie Holiday starring Billie Holiday’s pianist Corky Hale, with Special Guest, singer Kathy Sledge of Sister Sledge for One Night Only!!! The performance will be presented on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 8:30 p.m. at Catalina Bar & Grill; 6725 West Sunset Boulevard (just east of North Highland Avenue); Los Angeles, CA 90028. There is \$20 Cover Charge. Valet Parking is available.**

**Corky Hale, who was once Billie Holiday’s pianist, along with singer Kathy Sledge will perform selections of the late American Jazz singer, Billie Holiday. Reservations for the show and dinner can be made by calling Catalina Bar & Grill at 323-466-2210 or online at [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com). Dinner or a two-drink minimum required in addition to the Cover Charge of \$20 per person. Doors open for dinner one and a half hour before the show. Ticket sales are final. For further information about the performance, please visit the website [www.catalinajazzclub.com](http://www.catalinajazzclub.com).**

**Corky Hale (Pianist and Vocalist) was born in a small mid-western farm town and started taking piano lessons at age three. She began studying piano at Chicago Conservatory at the age of seven, and harp at the age of eight. She has performed at The White House with Tony Bennett, soloed with Barbra Streisand in Central Park and at the Hollywood Bowl, and performed with Björk on her MTV Special in London. Hale has also appeared with George Michael at London’s Royal Albert Hall and Washington, D.C.’s RFK Stadium. She has played harp for Liberace (on his television show and at Madison Square Garden) and Judy Collins, piano for Billie Holiday, Mel Tormé and Peggy Lee, and sung with the bands of Harry James, Ray Anthony and Jerry Gray. For more information, please visit, [www.corkyhale.com](http://www.corkyhale.com).**

**International recording artist, Kathy Sledge is the youngest of five girls. Kathy Sledge and her sisters signed their first record deal with Atco Records, resulting in their very first number one record in the United Kingdom, “Mama Never Told Me.” They went to record their second international hit record, “Love, Don’t You Go Through No Changes on Me.” After meeting Kathy Sledge and her sisters, hit songwriters Neil Rodgers and Bernard Edwards wrote and produced “We Are Family” reflecting their real life family. The song and the album went on to reach number one position on every imaginable chart all over the world, garnering a Grammy Award®-nomination. That album also spawned two additional hit songs, “Lost in Music” and “He’s the Greatest Dancer.” In addition to a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame nomination, Sister Sledge was voted by VH1 as one of the most successful girl groups of all time, second only to the Supremes. Kathy Sledge currently tours her one-woman show, “The Brighter Side of Day,” based on the music of Billie Holiday. To learn more, please visit the websites, [www.kathysledge.com](http://www.kathysledge.com) and [www.brightersideofday.com](http://www.brightersideofday.com).**

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**Billie Holiday** became the first black woman to work with a white orchestra while performing with the bands of Count Basie in 1937 and Artie Shaw in 1938. From 1952 to 1959, Holiday recorded about 100 recordings on the Verve label. She made her final studio recording for the MGM label in March of 1959. Holiday’s dramatic abilities, phrasing and diction were hallmarks of her singing style. The white gardenias she wore in her hair, became her trademark, along with snapping her fingers lazily with the rhythm of the music, while cocking her head back on a jaunty angle as she sang. Although Holiday never had any professional music training or read music, her natural talent propelled her career forward as she performed at various clubs, working for tips in the early days. Corky Hale played piano for Billie Holiday later in her career while Hale was working with the Jerry Gray Band in Las Vegas. Hale also recorded with Holiday on “*The Ultimate Billie Holiday Collection.*” Billie Holiday died on July 17, 1959 in Metropolitan Hospital in New York at the age of 44 of congestion of the lungs complicated by heart failure. Today, Billie Holiday is musical legend remembered for her soulful, emotive voice and indelible song interpretations, which have cemented her reputation in musical history as one of the greatest Jazz voices of all time.

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