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Nostalgia comes through in certain genres more than others. We often hear it in jazz, blues and folk—which have all managed to maintain some of that magic from the past while staying alive in this fast-paced modern world. Artists like Miami's Yamit & The Vinyl Blvd are just such a band: an ensemble that somehow feels both old and new at once.

Born in Israel, Yamit Lemoine, the band's vocalist, began her training in voice and classical violin at the age of five. She was raised in Toronto, where she developed

her love for jazz, soul and blues and has since played in places like Canada, the Caribbean and even back at her home country of Israel. Now, though, she and her band call Miami home. And they're just about to celebrate the release of their first album, *Yamit & The Vinyl Blvd: Ain't No Misbehavin'* on May 3.

In case you haven't had a chance to see them live yet, you can keep up with their local performances on their website, vinylblvd.com, where they post about upcoming gigs at venues like the Faena, the Setai, Sherwood's Bistro and Soya & Pomodoro. Their performances see a mix of jazz favorites and standards combined with refreshing takes on the genre that captivates those who don't consider themselves huge fans of jazz.

On April 23rd, Yamit & The Vinyl Blvd will be gracing the brand new jazz night series at Wynwood's coffee lounge Selina Brawlers, playing tracks from their new album. And we strongly recommend you be there to witness this awesome local group.

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