**Toni Byrd** is a world-class recording artist, songwriter, and versatile vocalist with an unforgettable stage presence. A native of Memphis now based in Atlanta, Byrd adds *actress* to her list of credits with a featured role as “Ida Belle” in the crime drama *Lawless*, starring Shia LaBeouf, Tom Hardy, Jessica Chastain, and Gary Oldman.

Her impressive resume includes recording background vocals for the TV pilot *Still the King* with Billy Ray Cyrus, and a 2016 performance at the White House during the Obama Administration. In 2014, she became the first female vocalist to perform at Pinewood Atlanta Studios—home to blockbuster franchises like *James Bond* and *Marvel*—for its New American location gala.

Byrd launched her professional music career in 1996 in Memphis. Influenced by a rich mix of genres—gospel, jazz, R&B, country, and opera—her musical foundation was shaped by her father, Lionel Byrd of the '60s group *The 4 Kings*. She was especially inspired by Leontyne Price and legendary artists like Nat King Cole, Aretha Franklin, Ella Fitzgerald, Barbra Streisand, and Yolanda Adams. Byrd credits these icons for helping her discover her own voice: “I’m grateful to my father and to those amazing voices who influenced my early development.”