



YOUTH MOVEMENT *Jessica Johnson has made a name for herself at an early age.*

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FOR SUCH a young performer, Jessica Johnson, 20, of San Jose demonstrates a considerable patina of professionalism; she started down her path when she was 5 in the now-gone San Jose Musical Theater. She has a powerful but mellow voice that she uses to great effect on both jazz standards and soul and R&B numbers. The SJSU student was in high form at last year's San Jose Jazz Festival scatting on "It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing" and playing up her naughty-but-nice side on "Hallelujah, I Love Him So." It also helps to have a polished veteran like guitarist Rick Vandiver helping out. Her active schedule includes this show plus a follow-up gig on Jan. 17 at the Hedley Club Lounge.

Michael S. Gant

JESSICA JOHNSON appears Saturday (Jan. 10) at 8pm at Theater on San Pedro Square, 20 N. San Pedro St., San Jose. Tickets are \$10. (www.brownpapertickets.com)