

Carol Welsman – *At a Glance*

Carol Welsman is an internationally acclaimed vocalist and pianist whose expressive vocal styling and dynamic stage presence have captivated audiences around the world.

Achievements

- Worldwide Release August 7, 2015- 11th Jazz album “Alone Together” featuring Rufus Reid, bass, Lewis Nash, drums, Wallace Roney, trumpet.
- “Memories Of You” – Japan Tour Nov. 2013 – 22 sold out concerts with Benny Goodman Big Band and clarinetist Ken Peplowski
- Co-Star in “**And Then She Wrote...**” A Celebration of Great American Songbook Classics Written by Women! 6 shows, Metropolitan Room, New York, Jan .11-14- 2013, with 5 Time Emmy Award Winner/ Singer Peter Marshall, and Grammy nominated jazz vocalist Denise Donatelli
- Released “JOURNEY”, Carol’s 9th CD in April 10, 2012 – song included in USA Today Playlist April 3rd, received Juno Award Nomination (Canadian Grammy), Carol’s 6th nomination for “Best Vocal Jazz Album”.
- Carol’s CD, “*I Like Men*” *Reflections of Miss Peggy Lee* was voted Top 5 Album of the Year 2009 - in **USA Today**
- “*I Like Men*” received a Juno Award nomination- Canadian Grammy- (Carol’s fifth) for “Best Jazz Vocal Album” 2009
- Winner of “Female Vocalist of the Year” Award – CDN Smooth Jazz Awards 2010
- “*Memories Of You*” *The Music of Benny Goodman* CD with guest clarinetist Ken Peplowski, released in Japan (2008) received 2009 GOLD Award /Jazz Critics Magazine (Carol has performed 50 concerts in Japan in 2009, 2011, 2013)
- Special guest of Jazz Legend Marian McPartland for her “Friends” evening- Dizzy’s Jazz Club – Lincoln Center 2010
- Winner of 2008 “Album of the Year” for self-titled CD “CAROL WELSMAN” (Justin Time Records) at the CDN Smooth Jazz Awards (produced by Jimmy Haslip of the Yellowjackets)
- Nominated for *Best Original Composition “You take me away”, 2005 Smooth Jazz Awards (Canada)*
- “*What’cha Got Cookin’?*”, Carol’s CD/DVD of Jazzed up Country, produced by Pierre Cossette- Grammy Awards producer- is released in Japan and on KOCH Canada in 2006.
- Original composition “**This Lullaby**” was recorded by Celine Dion under the title “Baby Close Your Eyes”, 2004
- Six Juno Award nominations (Canadian Grammys) for her 10 CDs released in Canada
- Featured artist in “**The Language of Love**” Documentary aired on CBC Canada, 2005, with special guests Herbie Hancock, Djavan, and Oscar Castro Neves
- Featured performer on “**Larry King Live**” for the 9/11 Commemoration, 2004
- Has written lyrics for various international pop stars including “**Baby Close Your Eyes**” recorded by **Celine Dion** on her 2004 “**Miracle**” CD, for Ray Charles, and Nicole Scherzinger of the Pussy Cat Dolls
- Co-hosted the 2000 Billboard Jazz Awards with Herbie Hancock on BET

Style

- Blending international rhythms and languages showcases her ability to cross musical boundaries while remaining within the jazz idiom
- Refreshing take on arrangements breathes new life into jazz and pop song classics, in a style that’s all her own, ranging from sultry and warm to infectiously energetic (offers both standards and original songs)
- Vocals run the gamut from being hauntingly reminiscent of Peggy Lee, to swinging a la Ella
- Block chord piano/vocal improvisations set her apart in today’s jazz world
- Performs a variety of shows ranging from Pops Symphony Orchestras to intimate cabaret settings

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Fun Facts

- Fluent in French, Italian, Spanish and English, Carol also sings in Portuguese. Her unaccented delivery is both elegant and authentic.
- Sang her first song, "O my darlin' Clementine", at age one
- Has performed for such luminaries as President Bill Clinton, California Governor Gray Davis, Stevie Wonder and Gordon Lightfoot, to mention a few
- Has her own recording label in the US, Welcar Music
- Tennis anyone?
- Elegant, six foot tall blonde

Background

- Granddaughter of founder/ first conductor of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Frank S. Welsman
- Mastered violin, double bass and classical piano by the end of high school
- Attended Boston's Berklee College of Music – majored in piano performance
- Studied voice in Europe with Christiane Legrand, sister of Michel Legrand
- English lyricist for the compositions of Romano Musumarra, producer/arranger of such artists as Celine Dion, Ray Charles, Princess Stephanie of Monaco, Ginette Reno, Alessandro Safina and Chrissy Hynde, Vittorio Grigolo and Nicole Scherzinger
- Yamaha artist in Canada and the USA
- Musical influences include Antonio Carlos Jobim, Herbie Hancock, Keith Jarrett, Steely Dan, Stevie Wonder, George Benson Sting and Patti Austin.

Discography

- *Alone Together* – IDLA/Welcar Music – Release August 7, 2015
- *Journey* – Justin Time Records 2012
- *I like Men - Reflections of Miss Peggy Lee*, Welcar 2009
- *Memories of You*, Welcar/Muzak Records, Japan 2008
- *"Carol Welsman"*, Justin Time Records, 2007
- *What'cha Got Cookin'*, Ludlow Music, 2005
- *The Language of Love*, Savoy, 2003
- *Hold Me*, BMG Music Canada, 2001
- *Swing Ladies Swing, A Tribute to Singers of the Swing Era*, Welcar/Koch, 1999
- *Inclined*, Welcar/Justin Time Records, 1997
- *Lucky To Be Me*, Welcar Music 1995

- *Just Imagination*, EMI France 1987
- Featured Artist for Yamaha Simulcast Performance, June 10. 2012 – broadcast across North America for all Disklavier owners
- Recorded 5 of her CDs (*Inclined*, *Swing Ladies*, *Swing*, *Hold Me*, *The Language of Love*, in the *Piano Soft Audio* format for, Yamaha Disklavier Piano, 2001 – 2012
- Recorded DVD “What’cha Got Cookin’?” in the Yamaha Piano-Soft + *Video* format