

Carol Welsman – *Express Bio*

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

Achievements

- **Six Juno Award nominations** (Canadian Grammys) for her CDs released in Canada
- New Latin Jazz Album “Dance with me” released in July 2020, produced by Oscar Hernandez (4 time Grammy winner)
- March 2019 - Japan release of Volume 2 – *This is Carol - Jazz Beauties*, MUZAK Records – #1 selling Jazz album 2019 (Tokyo)
- “*Memories Of You*” featuring Ken Peplowski on clarinet has been streamed over **7 million times** (August 2020)
- Released “This is Carol” 20 Love Songs album, in Japan (Muzak Records), October 2016 and reached no. 4 on the Jazz charts (Japan) – and as a no. 1 seller at retail – Tokyo for 6 months. Carol released “FOR YOU” in North America in August 2017 -16 songs were voted for by her fans on social media.
- Worldwide Release 2015 - 11th Jazz album “Alone Together” featuring Rufus Reid, bass, Lewis Nash, drums, Wallace Roney, trumpet
- “*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) 6.9 millions streams
- Co-Star in “**And Then She Wrote...**” A Celebration of Great American Songbook Classics Written by Women! 6 shows, Metropolitan Room, New York, 2013, with 5 Time Emmy Award Winner/ Singer Peter Marshall, and Triple 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 Juno Award 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**
- 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)
- Featured artist in “**The Language of Love**” Documentary aired on CBC Canada, 2005, with special guests Herbie Hancock, Djavan (Piano Duet with Carol, Vocal Duet with 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, Chrissy Hynde and Nicole Scherzinger of the Pussy Cat Dolls

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
- 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

Carol Welsman - *At a Glance*

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
- as 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
- 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 – received **Distinguished Alumnus Award**
- 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 worldwide
- Musical influences include Antonio Carlos Jobim, Herbie Hancock, Keith Jarrett, Steely Dan, Stevie Wonder, George Benson Sting and Patti Austin.

Discography

- This is Carol - "Jazz Beauties" (MUZAK Japan) featuring Nicki Parrott (Bass/Vocal)
- *FOR YOU* – Believe Digital – Release October 20, 2017
- *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
- Featured Artist for Yamaha Simulcast Performance, June 10, 2012 – broadcast across North America for all Disklavier owners
- Recorded 6 of her CDs (*Inclined*, *Swing Ladies*, *Swing*, *Hold Me*, *The Language of Love*, *Jazz Beauties*) in the *Piano Soft Audio* format for Yamaha Disklavier Piano
- Recorded DVD "What'cha Got Cookin'?" in the Yamaha Piano-Soft + *Video* format