# **Carol Welsman Express Bio**



Carol's newest CD "Journey" received a Juno Award nomination for "Best Vocal Jazz Album of the Year. 2013

Carol's CD, "I Like Men" Reflections of Miss Peggy Lee was voted Top 5 Album Pick of the Year 2009- in USA Today

"I Like Men" receives Juno Award nomination (Carol's fifth) as "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, released in Japan 2008 receives GOLD Award /Jazz Critique magazine 2009 annual vote

Winner of 2008 "Album of the Year" for self-titled CD "Carol Welsman" (Justin Time Records) at the CDN SJ Awards (produced by Jimmy Haslip of the Yellowjackets)

Featured artist on Fujitsu Concord Jazz Festival tour, Japan 2009 (14 concerts), with guest clarinetist Ken Peplowski

Nominated for Best Original Composition "You take me away", 2005 SJ Awards (Canada)

"What'cha Got Cookin'?", Carol's recent recording and DVD of Jazzed up Country, produced by Pierre Cossette of the Grammy Awards, is released in Japan and on KOCH Canada in 2006.

"Senza Fine", a compilation of Carol's first three CDs, was released in Asia 2007

Original composition "This Lullaby" is licensed for Samsung camera commercial in Korea, Ukraine and China

Four Juno Award nominations (Canadian Grammys) for her eight CDs

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

#### **FUN FACTS**

Fluent in French, Italian 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 Canada, Welcar Music

Elegant, six foot tall blonde. Tennis anyone?

### **BACKGROUND**

Granddaughter of founder and 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/song-writer for such artists as Celine Dion, Ray Charles, Pavarotti, Princess Stephanie of Monaco, Ginette Reno, Chrissy Hynde, Vittorio Grigolo and "Pussy Cat Dolls" Singer Nicole Scherzinger

Yamaha artist in Canada and the USA

First foray into Smooth Jazz came in 2001 with the release of her CD "Hold Me"

## **DISCOGRAPHY**

"Journey" – Justin Time Records/Universal, 2013

"I Like Men", Reflections of Miss Peggy Lee - Welcar Music, 2009

"Memories of You" - featuring KLek Peplowski- release on MUZAK record, Japan 2008

"Carol Welsman" self titled - Justin Time Records, International Release 2007

What'cha got Cookin'?, Ludlow Music, Columbia Records, Japan 2006

The Language of Love, Savoy, 2003

Hold Me, BMG Music Canada, 2001

Swing Ladies Swing, A Tribute to Singers of the Swing Era, Welcar, 1999

Lucky To Be Me, Welcar Music 1995

Recorded four of her CDs (Inclined; Swing Ladies, Swing, Hold Me, The Language of Love) in the Piano Soft