

RACHEL CASWELL, Jazz Vocalist

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ACADEMIC DEGREES:

Master of Music with Academic Honors and Distinction in Performance

NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC – Boston, MA, 1998

Major: Jazz Voice

Bachelor of Music with High Distinction

INDIANA UNIVERSITY – Bloomington, IN, 1995

Double Degree: Cello Performance and Jazz Studies

PRIVATE STUDY:

Jazz
Dominique Eade, *Voice*
Carol Sloane, *Voice*
David Baker, *Cello*
Luke Gillespie, *Piano*

Classical
Brian Horne, *Voice*
Kathleen Kaun, *Voice*
Carol Smith, *Voice*
Tsuyoshi Tsutsumi, *Cello*
Helga Winold, *Cello*

Jazz Coachings
Benny Golson Danilo Perez
Jimmy Heath George Garzone
Barry Harris Mulgrew Miller
Clark Terry Sheila Jordan
Billy Taylor Jay Clayton

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

- Certificate: Levels I-III, *Somatic VoiceworkSM: The LoVetri Method* – 2017
- Post-graduate study: *Methods and Materials for Teaching Vocal Jazz* – Dr. Patrice Madura Ward-Steinman, Indiana University, 2014

SPECIALIZATIONS:

- Development of the solo jazz voice
- Improvisation/scat
- Song interpretation and repertoire development
- “Great American Songbook”
- Incorporation of vocalists into jazz combos
- Soloing with big bands

PEDAGOGICAL EXPERIENCE:

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

- Adjunct Lecturer in Music (Music in General Studies), *Indiana University Jacobs School of Music* – Bloomington, IN, 2016-present
 - **History of Jazz**, MUS-Z393/M393
 - **Contemporary Jazz & Soul Music**, MUS-Z395
 - **Introduction to Music Theory**, MUS-Z111
- Performer/presenter on jazz voice, music appreciation courses, *Indiana University* – Bloomington, IN, 2003-present

CLINICS, MASTER CLASSES, WORKSHOPS, & JUDGING

- Presenter, “Nancy Wilson: Song Stylist and Complete Entertainer,” *Mini University*, – Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, 2019
- Presenter, “The First Lady of Song: The Life & Legacy of Ella Fitzgerald,” *Mini University*, – Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, 2018

CLINICS, MASTER CLASSES, WORKSHOPS, & JUDGING (CONT'D)

- Clinician, JENerations Jazz Festival, *9th Annual Jazz Education Network (JEN) Conference* – Dallas, TX, 2018
- Co-Presenter, “The Evolution of Piano and Vocal Styles in Jazz,” *Mini University*, – Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, 2017
- Clinician, JENerations Jazz Festival, *8th Annual Jazz Education Network (JEN) Conference* – New Orleans, LA, 2017
- Master Class, *Ball State University* – Muncie, IN, 2015
- Judge / guest artist, *Bloomington Jazz Festival, Bloomington High School North* – Bloomington, IN, 2014
- Judge / guest artist, *Boise State Vocal Jazz Festival, Boise State Univ.* – Boise, ID, 2013
- Master Class, *University of Arkansas at Little Rock* – Little Rock, AR, 2012
- Jazz Choral Judge and Vocal Clinician, *Clark Terry Jazz Festival, University of New Hampshire* – Durham, NH, 2011
- Master Class, *Boyer College of Music & Dance, Temple Univ.* – Philadelphia, PA, 2011
- Careers Q&A & Vocal Improv Workshop, *Lamont School of Music, University of Denver* – Denver, CO, 2011
- Clinician, *Bloomington Jazz Festival* – Bloomington, IN, 2000, 2002, & 2008
- Clinic, *Hope College* – Holland, MI, 2008
- Guest lecturer on jazz voice, *Union Theological Seminary* – New York, NY, 2007
- Clinic, *Concordia College* – Moorhead, MN, 2005
- Master Class, *Vassar College* – Poughkeepsie, NY, 2004
- Clinic, *Indiana State University* – Terre Haute, IN, 2004
- Master Class, *MacMurray College* – Jacksonville, IL, 2002
- Improvisation seminar, *East Coast A Cappella Summit* – Cambridge, MA, 1999
- Featured Artist and Contributor to *John McNeil’s Jazz Series on Video, Vol. 3 Vocal Jazz: Learning to Scat* also featuring Rufus Reid on bass

RECORDINGS:**SOLO PROJECTS**

- *We’re All In The Dance* (2018).....Turtle Ridge Records, TRR-003
MUSICIANS: Rachel Caswell, *vocals* • Dave Stryker, *guitar* • Fabian Almazan, *piano* • Linda Oh, *bass* • Johnathan Blake, *drums* • Sara Caswell, *violin*
PRODUCER: Dave Stryker
ASSOCIATE PRODUCER: Rachel Caswell
LINER NOTES: Ted Panken
- *All I Know: Duets with Dave Stryker & Jeremy Allen* (2015)Turtle Ridge Records, TRR-002
MUSICIANS: Rachel Caswell, *vocals* • Dave Stryker, *guitar* • Jeremy Allen, *bass*
PRODUCER: Dave Stryker
ASSOCIATE PRODUCER: Rachel Caswell
LINER NOTES: Thomas Cunniffe

SOLO PROJECTS (CONT'D)

- *Some Other Time* (2003) Rachel Caswell, RNC1001
 MUSICIANS: Rachel Caswell, *vocals* • Lynne Arriale, *piano* • Kelly Sill, *bass* •
 Steve Davis, *drums* • Sara Caswell, *violin*
 PRODUCER: Rachel Caswell
 LINER NOTE CONTRIBUTORS: David Baker • Ingrid Jensen • Lynne Arriale •
 Dominique Eade

CO-LED PROJECTS**Caswell Sisters featuring Fred Hersch**

- *Alive in the Singing Air* (2013) Turtle Ridge Records, TRR-001
 MUSICIANS: Rachel Caswell, *vocals* • Sara Caswell, *violin* • Fred Hersch, *piano* •
 Jeremy Allen, *bass* • Bryson Kern, *drums*
 PRODUCERS: Rachel & Sara Caswell
 ASSOCIATE PRODUCER: Fred Hersch
 LINER NOTE CONTRIBUTORS: John Clayton • Fred Hersch • Sara Caswell •
 Rachel Caswell

AS FEATURED ARTIST**Chris Parker**

- *Moving Forward Now* Chris Parker Music

Sara Caswell

- *But Beautiful* Arbors Records, ARCD19304
- *First Song* Doubletime Records, DTRCD-166

PERFORMING GROUPS:

- *Caswell Sisters Quintet*: Rachel Caswell, vocals, Sara Caswell, violin, co-leaders with rhythm section, 2000-present
- *Rachel Caswell Quartet*: Rachel Caswell, vocals with rhythm section, 1995-present
- *Rachel Caswell-Dave Stryker Duo*: Rachel Caswell, vocals and Dave Stryker, guitar, 2014-present
- *Rachel Caswell-Jeremy Allen Duo*: Rachel Caswell, vocals and Jeremy Allen, bass, 2004-present

SELECTED PERFORMANCES:**CLUB DATES, 1995-PRESENT**

- *Jazz at Kitano* – New York, NY
- *Spoonfed NYC* – New York, NY
- *The Bard's Town* – Louisville, KY
- *Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola at Jazz at Lincoln Center, After Hours Sets* – New York, NY
- *Cornelia Street Café* – New York, NY
- *The Bar Next Door* – New York, NY
- *Shapeshifter Lab* – Brooklyn, NY
- *An Die Musik* – Baltimore, MD
- *The Jazz Kitchen* – Indianapolis, IN
- *Chatterbox Jazz Club* – Indianapolis, IN
- *Blue Wisp Jazz Club* – Cincinnati, OH
- *The Press Room* – Portsmouth, NH

CLUB DATES, 1995-PRESENT (CONT'D)

- *Acton Jazz Club* – Acton, MA
- *Bear's Place* – Bloomington, IN

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PERFORMANCES

- Rachel Caswell Quartet, *7th Annual Jazz Education Network (JEN) Conference* – Louisville, KY, 2016
- Caswell Sisters with the Bloomington High School North Advanced Jazz Band, *7th Annual Jazz Education Network (JEN) Conference* – Louisville, KY, 2016
- Caswell Sisters, *Opening Night Concert, Inaugural Jazz Education Network (JEN) Annual Conference* – St. Louis, MO, 2010
- Rachel Caswell-Jeremy Allen Duo, *International Association for Jazz Education (IAJE) Annual Conference* – New York, NY, 2006
- Caswell Sisters, *The Midwest Clinic Annual Conference* – Chicago, IL, 2004
- With John Blake, Jr. and Sara Caswell, *International Association for Jazz Education (IAJE) Annual Conference* – Toronto, ON, Canada, 2003

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ARTIST SERIES CONCERTS, 2000-PRESENT

- *UIndy Jazz Week Residency*, clinician & guest artist – Indianapolis, IN
- *Ball State University*, guest artist with faculty combo – Muncie, IN
- *UIndy Faculty/Staff Institute Day*, guest artist – Indianapolis, IN
- *Butler University Jazz Camp*, guest recital – Indianapolis, IN
- *University of South Carolina*, Soloist with USC Wind Ensemble – Columbia, SC
- *University of Indianapolis*, Jazz Concert Series – Indianapolis, IN
- *Ball State University*, Art of Jazz Series – Muncie, IN
- *Boise State University*, Jordan Ballroom – Boise, ID
- *Temple University*, Jazz at the Underground – Philadelphia, PA
- *University of Denver, Lamont School of Music*, Jazz Night – Denver, CO
- *University of Arkansas at Little Rock*, Artspreet Concert Series – Little Rock, AR
- *Hope College*, Guest Artist – Holland, MI
- *Vassar College*, Artist Series – Poughkeepsie, NY
- *University of Evansville*, Jazz Guest Artist Series – Evansville, IN
- *DePauw University*, Artist Series – Greencastle, IN
- *West Virginia State University*, Artist Series – Charleston, WV
- *Emory University*, Jazz Festival – Atlanta, GA
- *Indiana University Southeast*, New Discovery Series – New Albany, IN
- *Eastern Illinois University*, Chamber Music Series – Charleston, IL
- *Bethany Lutheran College*, An Evening of Jazz – Mankato, MN
- *Indiana State University*, Jazz Artist Series – Terre Haute, IN
- *MacMurray College*, An Evening of Jazz – Jacksonville, IL

ADDITIONAL CONCERT SETTINGS

- Indy Jazz Fest – Indianapolis, IN
- Branford Jazz on the Green – Branford, CT
- WaHi Vocal Jazz Series, *Le Chéile* – New York, NY
- Under the Radar Concert Series, *The Ol' Church on the Holler* – Newburgh, IN
- Jazz Under the Dome, *West Baden Resort* – French Lick, IN
- IVCI 2013-2014 Laureate Series, *Indiana Landmarks Center's Cook Theater* – Indianapolis, IN
- B'Town Jazz Fest/Grant Street Jazz Festival – Bloomington, IN
- FestivALL 2011, *Culture Center Theater* – Charleston, WV
- Jazz in July Concert Series, *IU Art Museum* – Bloomington, IN
- Jazz Cabaret Series, *Kentucky Center for the Arts* – Louisville, KY
- Hoagy Carmichael Festival, *Buskirk-Chumley Theater* – Bloomington, IN
- String Theory Concert Series with Sara Caswell, *Symphony Space* – New York, NY
- IU Summer Music Festival with Sara Caswell Quartet, *Auer Hall* – Bloomington IN
- Opened for Danilo Perez with Sara Caswell Quartet – Bloomington, IN
- With Curtis Fuller, *Jordan Hall* – Boston, MA
- With Billy Taylor Trio at Jazz Aspen/Snowmass Festival – Snowmass, CO
- With Ingrid Jensen, *Bear's Place* – Bloomington, IN

PERFORMANCES WITH BIG BAND

- Featured Vocalist, Clark Hunt's Drive-By Big Band
- Featured Vocalist, Stardusters Big Band
- Caswell Sisters with the IU Jazz Ensemble directed by Brent Wallarab, *Bloomington Jazz Festival* – Bloomington, IN
- Caswell Sisters with the JazzMN Orchestra, *Hopkins Performing Arts Center* – Minnetonka, MN
- Caswell Sisters with the Jazz Arts Group Big Band, *North Dakota State University* – Fargo, ND
- Caswell Sisters with the Bloomington H.S. North Jazz Ensemble, *Indiana Music Educators Association (IMEA) Regional Convention* – Indianapolis, IN
- With The Glenn Miller Orchestra, *Bearcreek Farms* – Bryant, IN
- Guest Soloist, IU Jazz Ensembles directed by David Baker & Dominic Spera, *Indiana University* – Bloomington, IN

VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE EXPERIENCE:

- *Drawn to Scale* – a cappella vocal jazz sextet, soprano & musical director, 1998-1999
- *New England Conservatory Vocal Jazz Ensemble*, Dominique Eade, Director – Boston, MA, 1996-1998
- *Phil Mattson Vocal Jazz Workshop* – Creston, IA, 1994

RELATED PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE:

- Choir Member & Soloist, First United Church – Bloomington, IN, 1992-1996 & 2000-2015
- Soprano Section Leader & Soloist, Presbyterian Church – Needham, MA, 1997-1999
- Cello Soloist with Orchestra
 - Northland Symphony Orchestra (Kansas City, MO), 1993
 - Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, 1992
 - Bloomington Symphony Orchestra, 1991

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- *Recording Academy*, Voting Member
- *Jazz Education Network (JEN)*, Charter Member

SUMMER WORKSHOPS ATTENDED:

- *Phil Mattson Vocal Jazz Workshop* – Creston, IA
- *Thelonious Monk Institute Jazz Colony at Jazz Aspen/Snowmass* – Snowmass, CO
- *Stanford Jazz Workshop* – Stanford, CA
- *Jazz in July-University of Massachusetts* – Amherst, MA
- *Jamey Aebersold Jazz Workshop* – Elmhurst, IL and Louisville, KY
- *William Patterson Jazz Workshop* – Wayne, NJ
- *The Clark Terry International Institute of Jazz Studies* – LeMars, IA

AWARDS:

- CD, *We're All in the Dance*, named one of the Top Ten Recordings of 2018 by Zim Tarro of *Cadence Magazine*
- CD, *Alive in the Singing Air*, named one of the Best Vocal CDs of 2013 by Jazz History Online
- Placed in top 10 of 150 contestants in *jazzconnect.com* annual voice competition, 2005
- Thelonious Monk Institute Jazz Colony at Jazz Aspen/Snowmass, 1997
- Winner, 9th Annual Hilton Head Jazz Society Scholarship, 1997
- Scholarship, New England Conservatory, 1996 & 97
- Wells Scholar (full four-year merit scholarship), Indiana University, 1991-95
- Chancellor's Scholar for Indiana University School of Music, 1993