

RACHEL CASWELL, Jazz Vocalist

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Jazz vocalist Rachel Caswell is known for her improvisational prowess, her pinpoint accuracy of pitch and rhythm, and her depth of delivery and interpretation of popular song. Her most recent recording, *We're All in the Dance* (2018), features some of New York's top performers including Dave Stryker, Fabian Almazan, Linda May Han Oh, Johnathan Blake, and Sara Caswell. Mark Sullivan of *All About Jazz* writes, "This is a great band....Caswell is the star, but she's no diva. She is much better than that: a jazz musician in the company of other jazz musicians." Her CD *All I Know: Duets with Dave Stryker & Jeremy Allen* (2015) elicited the following response from jazz vocalist Sheila Jordan: "Rachel is a wonderful singer with a deep feeling and a fantastic improvisational talent complemented by a lovely rich sound." And in response to Rachel's debut CD *Some Other Time* (2003) with Lynne Arriale, Kelly Sill, Steve Davis, and her sister, violinist Sara Caswell, internationally renowned jazz pedagogue David Baker said, "Rachel Caswell is that *rara avis* who is truly a jazz vocalist. Her intonation is impeccable, her diction precise, her jazz sensibilities above reproach, and she swings like mad!"

Rachel has performed at colleges, festivals, and a variety of venues nationwide. In addition to her solo work, she and her sister Sara co-lead the Caswell Sisters Quintet and have made such notable appearances as a weeklong After-Hours engagement at Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola at Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York City and an enthusiastically received set on the opening night concert of the inaugural 2010 Jazz Education Network (JEN) Conference in St. Louis. Their debut Caswell Sisters album, *Alive in the Singing Air* featuring pianist Fred Hersch, was released in early 2013 and has garnered numerous rave reviews.