

The Voice

Feb 2022

The newsletter for Cafe des Voix Singers

Back to in-person shows!

Wow! It felt SO good to be back to in-person shows!



When I was a kid - the only thing I did more than music was tennis. I was generally on the tennis courts for several hours a day starting

before daylight. My summer mornings would begin with meeting the old die-hard hard-core old timers for coffee at our favourite coffee shop. We started really early - because according to them we wanted to "get on the courts before the crowds came." This meant that all these old guys and this skinny fourteen-year-old were waiting for the sun to come up enough so we could see the balls. We'd sit on the bench and wait. Sometimes trying to hit a couple only to realise we still couldn't see the ball. That's the same feeling I got from this last covid lock-down period. "Can we see the ball yet?" I sure hope so.

As a side-note, the only other job I've really ever had (outside of entertainment) was as a tennis instructor. In the early days of my piano career - I used to tour and play at night and offer tennis lessons during the day.



April 13th Cafe des Voix! **Theme is "Sing into Spring"**



at Gordies!



"in the Sanctuary"

April 13th

Rehearsals are scheduled for

Sunday, April 10th

at Gordon King United

Here's where to sign up for a rehearsal slot

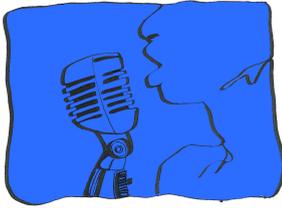
<https://cafedesvoix.as.me/gordie-april>

Each singer will do two songs

**I have had several comments from audience members and singers that they feel each singer doing two songs is enough. So for this show that's what we'll do. Two songs each.*

Sing into Spring!

The options are endless. Anything to do with Spring!



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Karin Plato Weekend

April 22-24

Mark your calendars!

Karin Plato

Workshop/Concert/Jazz Vespers

A word about the workshops...

I have been fighting a bit of an uphill battle when it comes to singers feeling like they don't "fit into the workshops" for various reasons from "I'm not really a singer" to "I don't really sing jazz".

The reason that a jazz-based workshop is EXACTLY what you should be doing is that from the very beginning - jazz has been the main ingredient in just about every popular style since the 1910s. Jazz influences and permeates in singers from Belle Baker to Amy Winehouse and beyond. Even "straight" bands like Lawrence Welk use jazz in every show they do.

Jazz is so versatile and has so many tools that you can use in any style and in any approach you are taking to singing.

One of the great jazz masters of all time - Charlie Parker - used to listen to endless hours of bluegrass. And the bluegrass master Bill Munroe played many jazz standards and incorporated many jazz components in his compositions.

So in short - you don't have to be a jazz singer - or a professional singer to get SO MUCH out of these workshops. You will come out with brand new ideas on how to approach your songs - and fill you with inspiration. I have seen Karin at work many times over the years.

Here's what the Karin Plato weekend will look like...

Friday: April 22nd

at Crescent Arts Centre

7:00pm show. (6:30 doors)

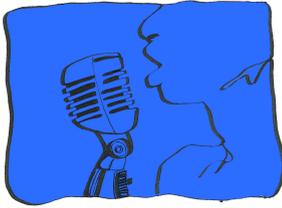
\$15pp Tickets at the door

Karin Plato in Concert! \$15pp

We're going to start out with a concert because I wanted to showcase Karin's beautiful singing and masterful command of a band and the songs she sings.

I will need a LOT of help to get enough people into this concert because Karin is not well known in Winnipeg - even though she is a Canadian renowned jazz singer. Please plan to come - and please plan to bring as many friends as you can.

You will love Karin's singing and song. The band is Gille Fournier on bass and Cameron Denby on drums and vibes - and some old guy on piano (who might make a musical saw appearance! - even if Karin is reticent :)



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The Workshops **Saturday and Sunday**



Saturday, April 23rd

Karin Plato Vocal Jazz Workshop I

1:00-2:30pm (Cost \$50.00)

Karin Plato Vocal Jazz Workshop II

3:00-4:30pm (Cost \$50.00)

Saturday Evening Social!

All Workshop Participants are invited to join Karin for dinner at a restaurant TBD. After dinner - the folks at Gordon King are going to open up Gordies Lounge for us and we can all go and just hang out - talk and play music together. It will be a "bring your own beverage" event. (Discretion is advised :)

Sunday, April 24th

Karin Plato Vocal Jazz Masterclass I

1:00-2:30pm (Cost \$50.00)

Karin Plato Vocal Jazz Masterclass II

3:00-4:30pm (Cost \$50.00)

Sign up for Karin's Workshops here:

https://cafedesvoix.ca/karin_plato_weekend/

Sunday Evening:

Jazz Vespers!

Where jazz meets the spirit

Karin and band will join Marc Whitehead at the Crescent Fort Rouge United Church for an early evening candlelight service of jazz music with meditations on faith and life

Read more about the history and tradition of Jazz Vespers here:

<https://www.jazzministry.org/>

<https://www.inspired-by-music.org/the-origen-of-jazz-vespers>

Karin's list of songs for the

Winnipeg Vocal Jazz Workshop 2022

These are the songs that we'll be using in the workshops. Please familiarise yourself with these songs and chose the ones that feel most comfortable that you want to sing in the workshops.

Swing tunes:

Honeysuckle Rose –

Sarah Vaughan

<https://youtu.be/DxSHNRO5tWw>

Ella Fitzgerald

https://youtu.be/_PMB-wgHM4Y

On the Sunny side of the street -

Ella Fitzgerald

<https://youtu.be/SiacwK85Fgc>

Frank Sinatra -

<https://youtu.be/fN9H0VigIH8>

You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To -

Cheryl Bentley

<https://youtu.be/-ER75iTKEYY>

Anita O'Day

<https://youtu.be/X70lbY7rNpA>

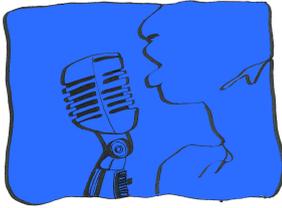
Bye Bye Blackbird -

Carmen McRae

<https://youtu.be/9MqEfx-jMCY>

Sammy Davis Jr.

<https://youtu.be/wNkO4518278>



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Bossa Novas:

Girl From Ipanema

Astrud Gilberto

<https://youtu.be/sVdaFQhS86E>

Frank Sinatra

<https://youtu.be/mD6pbCSeWLs>

Song For My Father

Dee Dee Bridgewater

<https://youtu.be/otcHh-90eo4>

Carmen Souza

<https://youtu.be/8bySYWZoiYU>

Leon Thomas

<https://youtu.be/hSYwGEiowHg>

The Gentle Rain

Stacey Kent

<https://youtu.be/k82tF8jwscU>

Astrud Gilberto

<https://youtu.be/s6ndU7GKpjl>

Wave

Frank Sinatra

<https://youtu.be/ZlRntAg-t8w>

Ella Fitzgerald

<https://youtu.be/du9iKpoPiFY>

Waltzes:

Moon River

Diana Panton

<https://youtu.be/0g2R242k3mk>

Melody Gardot

<https://youtu.be/tCjKd2MKhus>

Alice In Wonderland-

Roberta Gambarini -

<https://youtu.be/QFLzPtxUlyo>

Emma Gilmartin

<https://youtu.be/zb2gWTn3y64>

Up Jumped Spring -

Abbey Lincoln

https://youtu.be/H_vK0_5QOTc

Diana Patton

<https://youtu.be/2lZ1PSZK5Os>

Jitterbug Waltz -

Cecile McLorin Salvant

<https://youtu.be/caR2t2H4OMq>

Abbey Lincoln

<https://youtu.be/otNRfiMOZE4>

Blues:

I Ain't Got Nothin' But The Blues -

Ella Fitzgerald

<https://youtu.be/TegiwRoEAR8>

Robben Ford

https://youtu.be/wQUH2yB_7Oo

Hum Drum Blues -

Sheila Jordan

<https://youtu.be/2K0LA5vA5Vg>

Elaine Delmar

<https://youtu.be/WlqUpb3z3NI>

I'm Just A Lucky So and So -

Ella Fitzgerald

<https://youtu.be/R8Ev3lXaqZ0>

Tony Bennett [Tony Bennett - I'm Just A](#)

[Lucky So And So \(Audio\)](#)

My gratitude runneth over.....

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And to all you singers who make Cafe des Voix a community of support and love and music.

