

Lynette Washington

Jazz Vocalist/Songwriter/Actress

LYNETTE WASHINGTON is a native New Yorker, born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. Her extensive music career in jazz, r&b, and gospel, has taken her across the globe travelling as far as Australia. Her gift and ability to sing in several languages including Russian, Italian, Hebrew, Yiddish, French & Portuguese has made Ms. Washington a sought after singer for many years. Her professional career began to soar when she performed in various Russian nightclubs throughout New York City and Europe.

Lynette was the **2005 Grand Prize Winner of the Jazzmobile / Anheuser Busch Jazz Vocal Competition**, and was featured on WBGO's *Singers Unlimited Show* and her albums have been in rotation on over 100 radio stations, both domestic and internationally. As the Grand Prize Winner of the Jazz Vocal Competition, Ms. Washington performed at WBLS radio's Croton Music Festival and the City Of Yonkers' Friday Night Sculpture Garden Jazz Festival.

An established songwriter and arranger, Lynette has worked with well-known artists such as, Aretha Franklin, U2, Celia Cruz and a host of respected jazz icons such as Clifford Jordan, Alex Blake, George Coleman, Dave Grusin, Dave Valentin, Tom Browne etc. She was featured lead singer with New Voices of Freedom, the group who appeared in *U2, Rattle & Hum, Scrooged*, BBC/Virgin Records world-wide telecast and album *One World, One Voice*, the *Give Peace A Chance* video with Lenny Kravitz, *NY at Night*, *The Joan Rivers Show* and the *MTV Video Music Awards* with the Godfather of Soul, James Brown and comedian Jimmy Fallon. She was one of the lead actors in a national tour of the classic gospel musical "*Crowns*" by Regina Taylor, world-renowned, award-winning playwright and actor.

Lynette has recorded radio and television commercials appearing in national commercials for Roy Rogers, Pizza Hut and Toyota. In 2002, Lynette completed her first solo project entitled ***Long, Long Ago: A Jazz Celebration of Christmas, Chanukah and Kwanzaa***. Her second album, ***Smoky Dawn***, was released in April 2004. ***Kaleidoscope***, her third, released in May 2010 and her most recent album, ***Live at the X*** was released on January 1, 2012. Her latest single, a jazz cover of Paul McCartney's "My Valentine", was an iTunes jazz feature for a month upon its release in early 2013.

She has appeared regularly at New York metropolitan area venues which include Radio City Music Hall, Madison Square Garden, The River Room, Creole Jazz & Supper Club, The Schomburg Library, The Apollo Theater, BB Kings, The Brooklyn Museum, The White Plains Jazz Festival in 2013 & 2014, The Sculpture Garden in Yonkers, PJS Jazz Society, Westchester Performing Arts Center, ArtsWestchester' New Urban Jazz series, Blues Alley in Washington D.C., Kean University, the Winters Eve Festival at NYC's Broadway Apple Store, Lincoln Center, 966 Jazz, Jazzmobile

Jazz at Kitano. Lynette Washington is an *iTunes Essential Jazz Artist* and has been a featured artist on their jazz page for every one of her album and single's releases. Lynette is often accompanied by her Producer/Musical Director's and Gold/Platinum award winning Dennis Bell his ensemble Dennis Bell Jazz NY.

A consummate singer in every sense of the word, Ms. Washington is also highly regarded, by musicians, as a “***singer's singer.***”

Ms. Washington's Albums, *Live at the X, Kaleidoscope, Smoky Dawn, Live! At The Kennedy Center*, and *Long, Long Ago* are available from www.guavajamm.net, iTunes, CDBaby, Amazon and all other major digital distribution outlets.