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"Nurture your mind with great thoughts, for you will never go higher than you think." – Benjamin D'Israeli, British PM (1874-1880)

CAREER OVERVIEW

Multi-talented **instrumentalist** (piano & woodwinds), **vocalist**, and **actor**, with **dance** experience in East & West Coast Swing.

Strong lead vocalist and **mover ("belter")** with **absolute pitch**. Vocal range spans 3.5 octaves, most comfortably between **alto** and **mezzo-soprano**. Highly resonant, sweet, soulful, and distinctive voice. International Press Agent for Italian jazz-funk band *Camera Soul*. Executive **music producer**.

Published author and editor of both professional print / online magazine articles as well as globally marketed CD / digital music / lyrics with over a decade of experience with social media marketing and creating audience presence.

CREATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Musician and Vocalist (1980 – present)
- Keyboardist, Vocalist, Mo`Stax Band (2024 - present)
- Leader, Kathryn Ballard Shut (Various Jazz Combos) (2007 - present)
- Executive Music Production and Liner Notes (2006 - present)
- Music Industry Marketing/Social Media/Composition (2007 - 2020)
- Magazine Editing and Writing (2015 - 2017)
- Method Acting (2005)
- Swing Dance (East & West Coast) (1999 - 2015)
- Musical Theatre & Chorus (1988 - 2009)

UNIVERSITY DEGREES

- 2024 Master of Legal Studies (MLS) in Cybersecurity & Info Privacy, **Drexel University Law** (Phila., PA / Online)
- 2015 Master of Business Administration (MBA), **Webster University** (St Louis, MO); (Denver, CO Campus)
- 1995 Bachelor of Arts (BA, Spanish), **Rockhurst University** (Kansas City, MO)

ARTISTIC EDUCATION

- 2007-2008 **Jazz Pianist, Marc Sabatella Studio** (Denver, CO)
- 2004-2005 **Actor, The Acting Studio (Bill Smith)** – Stanislavsky Method & Voiceover Coaching (Denver, CO)
- 1997-1998 **Vocalist, Wisconsin Conservatory of Music (Francesca Veglia)**, Musical Theatre, (Milwaukee, WI)
- 1987-1990 **Vocalist, Raytown High School Camerata** (Honor Choir, **Noel Fulkerson**), Mezzo Soprano (Kansas City Area, MO)
- 1990-1993 60 Hours applied toward **Bachelor of Music Education (BME), University of Central Missouri** (Warrensburg, MO)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Theatre

- **Band Leader, Pianist, and Chorus**, *The Westside Oratorio*, directed by Daniel Valdez & Antonio Garcia Su Teatro, Denver, CO (2008 and 2009 Seasons)
- **Actor**, "Dot the Diner Owner", *Paradise* (Staged Reading & Musical), Denver, CO.
Mezzo-soprano soloist & solo lead on feature, "Spot on The Road in the Middle of Nowhere" (2005)

Music Discography

- 2021 – [Camera Soul](#) – Album: *Esagerato* (Azzurra Music) (Author, American label (TIMKAT Entertainment), International Press Agent). Writing Credits: 'Dancing In the Dark' (author)
- 2019 – [Camera Soul](#) – Album: *Existence* (Azzurra Music) (Author, American label (TIMKAT Entertainment), International Press Agent). Writing Credits: 'Colorado Sky' (author)
- 2017 – [Camera Soul](#) – Album: *Connections* (Azzurra Music) - (Author, American label (TIMKAT Entertainment), International Press Agent). Writing Credits: 'Now' (author), 'No Such Thing' (author), and 'The Land of the Living' (author)
- 2017 – Compilation: "Luxury Soul 2017" (Expansion Records) - Writing Credits, CD 3: Camera Soul - 'Now' (author)
- 2015 – [Camera Soul](#) – Album: *Dress Code* (Azzurra Music) - (Composer/author, American label (TIMKAT Entertainment), International Press Agent). Writing Credits: 'The Purpose' (author), 'Glow' (author), 'Push Play' (author), and 'Around The World' (co-composer, music)
- 2013 – [Camera Soul](#) – Album: *Not For Ordinary People* (Azzurra Music) - (Composer/author, American label (TIMKAT Entertainment), International Press Agent). Writing Credits: 'Not For Ordinary People' (author), 'My Heart' (author), 'Time Fades Away' (author), and 'Locked Inside' (co-composer-author)
- 2012 – Lost Soul – Album: *Live at Pec Too!* (TIMKAT Entertainment) - (Executive producer, pianist, vocalist)
- 2012 – [Tim Ballard](#) – Album: *Singing Positive to the People: 35th Anniversary Limited Edition* (TIMKAT Entertainment) - (Executive producer; Author, Liner Notes)
- 2005 – Daniel Valdez and Su Teatro (Denver) – Album/Live Performance: *The Westside Oratorio* (Band leader, pianist)
- Demo, Original Compositions, Piano Solos on "Toni", "Say Goodbye", and "Mambeau". Publisher: (c) 2012 TIMKAT Entertainment LLC.

Radio

- Producer, On-Air Host: 'Modern Soul Sauce Radio Show' (Syndicated, October 2012 – April 2016)
 - Syndicated for four seasons across 15 independent radio networks in the US, UK, France, and Australia.
 - Program director, hand-selected vest songs from emerging independent jazz & soul artists
 - Featured over 300 global independent artists over a 4-year run
- Producer, On-Air Host: 'RetroXana's Time Warp'
 - Live Broadcast, 80s Favorites on Live365.com via retroxana.com, 2001–2007)
- Production Assistant, KCMW Jazz 91 FM – University of Central Missouri (1992–1993)
 - Selected music and cued up jazz tracks on both digital and vinyl sources
 - Prepared cartridges ("carts") for advertising and sponsorship announcements between songs
 - Cued up National Public Radio (NPR) 6-minute news spots at the top of each hour

Publications

- All **international press releases** (PRWeb) for Italian band, Camera Soul (2012-2021) for album releases.
- **Coffee Talk Jazz Magazine** (2015–2017) – *Features Author, Associate Copy Editor*
 - Winter/Spring 2016 Issue, Theme: "Legends" (Cover: Dave Koz)
 - "Umbria Jazz Fest Winter 23" (Artist Spotlight, International Jazz, Article)
 - "Diane Schuur – Schuur Thing" (Features, Personal Interview)
 - Spring/Summer 2015 Issue, Theme: "It's a Family Affair" (Cover: Gerald Albright)
 - "R James Fulfills 'Elizabeth's Dream'" (review also republished to artist's website)
 - "The NAMM Show 2015" (Article)
 - "Selina Albright: A Star Is Born" (Personal Interview, 1 original photo)
 - "Gerald Albright" (Personal Interview)
 - "The Brothers Lombardo" (Feature Profile)
- **JazzTimes Community Pages** (2012–2017)
 - March 1, 2012: **Front Page link to featured opinion article**, "Millionaires in a Recession"
 - March 12, 2014: Article: "Fusion Renaissance 2014"
 - Jazz Pianist/Trio: 'Luxuriating: The Yuko Mabuchi Trio' (Author, Review, Dec 1, 2017)
 - Coffee Talk Jazz Network Entrepreneur, Ms. Bridgette Lewis – Coffee Talk Jazz Network' (Author, Profile Piece)
 - Jazz group: Alberto Parmegiani Quintet – "Under a Shimmery Grace" (Author, Review)
 - Acid Jazz group: The Motion Collective' and album, "Unstuck In Time" (Author, Review)
 - Jazz ensemble: Sophisticated Lady Jazz Quartet (Review, eponymous debut album, 2014); full review published in full-color booklet of group's 2015 sophomore release, "Simpler Times"
 - Jazz-funk group Camera Soul and albums, "Dress Code" and "Not For Ordinary People"; also reported on group's invitation to perform at Umbria (Italy) Winter Jazz Fest (2015)
 - Hammond B3 organist: Chris Hazelton and Boogaloo 7 (Author, Review)
 - Hammond B3 organist: Tony Monaco: Celebration (Author, Review)
 - Vocalist/composer: Douyé and album "So Much Love" (Author, Review)
 - Vocalist/composer: Lorraine Feather and Grammy-nominated album "Attachments" (Author, Review)
 - Graphic Artist: J.C. Pagán (Profile Piece)
 - French neo-soul band: Wine, debut album "My Possibility" (Author, Review)
 - Modern Soul Sauce Radio Show (Author, Article)
- **BusinessObjects: Brewery Data Warehouse** (1997)
 - Wrote customized training manual for Anheuser-Busch (St Louis, MO) for use in training internal analysts on its new Brewery Data Warehouse
 - Led "Train the Trainer" sessions on the work to transfer knowledge to internal trainers.
- **Microsoft Exchange Server Documentation** (1996)
 - Translated 132-page training technical manual **from English into Spanish**
 - Delivered for John Deere (Deere and Company) in less than 3 weeks
 - Proofread 'Microsoft Schedule Plus' for another translation team (English into Spanish)

Honors, Awards, and Organizations

- **Four-time Akademia Music Award Winner:**
July 15, 2019 – Best R&B Soul Album: Camera Soul – “Existence”
Lyricist on track “Colorado Sky”

February 15, 2017 – Best R&B/Soul Album: Camera Soul – “Connections”
Lyricist on three tracks, “No Such Thing”, “Now”, and “The Land of the Living”

August 15, 2013 – Best R&B/Soul Song: Camera Soul – “Locked Inside”
Co-Composer and Lyricist

August 15, 2013 – Best Funk Song: Camera Soul – “My Heart”
Lyricist
- American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (**ASCAP**)
2012 – lifetime
- National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (**NARAS**, a.k.a. “Grammy Awards”)
Voting Member, 2012 – 2019
Member of the Producers and Engineers’ Wing, 2012 – 2019
Associate Member, 2017 – 2012
- **Kansas City Swing Dance Club**, West Coast Swing, 1999-2000
- **Sigma Delta Pi** (**Spanish** Honor Society)
Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, USA
- **Sigma Alpha Iota**, Epsilon Omega Chapter [International **Music** Honors Fraternity for Women]
University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO, USA
Lifetime Member

Discography and Publication Samples Available Upon Request