

RICKI RIZZO

JAZZ VOCALIST



"Horn's presence seemed to surprise the University of Rhode Island Jazz Collective, which had borrowed her arrangement of 'I Remember You' — fast, slippery, and like a constant shifting of pieces — while Ricki Rizzo's vocals were clean, controlled, and immaculate." - **Marc Hirsh, Boston Globe, 2024.**

EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF MUSIC PERFORMANCE

University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI | anticipated 2025

Area of Study: Jazz Vocal Performance

Private Lesson Instructor: Atla DeChamplain | 2022 - 2025

GPA: 3.72

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Lynbrook Senior High School, Lynbrook, NY | 2021

WORK EXPERIENCE

LIVE PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

The Rizzo Project | 2023 - present

Contracted for Weddings & Corporate Events | 2024

45+ Performances across Rhode Island, Connecticut & New York.

LITCHFIELD JAZZ CAMP

June 2024

Volunteered as a Resident Assistant (RA) and participated in masterclasses and ensemble rehearsals with esteemed professionals

CONCERT HALL STAFF

URI Music Department | 2024

Box office management, live audio coordination, and stage operations.

LAW FIRM EMPLOYEE

Maidenbaum & Sternberg | 2022

Mailing important documentation to clientele and organizing files into online system.

RESTAURANT STAFF

Rachel's Cafe | 2022-present

Angelina's of Lynbrook | 2019

Waitressing, Hostessing, and carry-out experience.

SKILLS

Time-management, teamwork, leadership, organization, communication, adaptability, & multi-instrumentalist.

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

- **Newport Jazz Festival** | 2023-2024
- **Litchfield Jazz Festival** | 2024
- **New London Big Band** | 2024
- The Rizzo Project | 2023 - present
 - The Helmway, Hyatt Hotel | 2024
 - The Red Door PVD | 2023-2024
 - Ou La La Cafe & Lounge | 2024
 - The General Stanton Inn | 2024
- URI Vocal Jazz Choir | 2022-present
- URI Big Band | 2022-2024
 - World Premier of "8 years"
 - Haneef Nelson
- URI Standards Combo | 2023-present
- URI Afro-Cuban Jazz Combo | 2023-2024
- URI Concert Choir | 2021-2022
- URI Symphony Orchestra | 2023
 - World Premier:
 - Concerto for Guitar and Chamber Ensemble
 - José Mora-Jiménez
 - "Suite Dreams" for Orchestra
 - Juan Guerra
- Recital Performances:
 - Ricki Rizzo Jazz Voice Recital | 2024
 - Wyatt Crosby Jazz Bass Recital | 2024
 - Jonathan Cabral Jazz Guitar Recital | 2024
 - Fernando Marzan Graduate Jazz Saxophone Recital | 2024
 - Nathan De Angelis Graduate Composition Recital | 2022
- Conferences:
 - NAFME All-Eastern Conference | 2021
 - NYSSMA All-State Conference | 2019-2020
 - Essentially Ellington Festival @ Greenwich High School | 2019

MASTERCLASSES

- Daily Masterclass @ Litchfield Jazz Camp | July 2024
 - Don Braden
 - Nicole Zuraitis
 - Zaccai Curtis
 - Jen Allen
 - Albert Rivera
- Carl Allen w/URI Big Band | March 2024
- Ayn Inserto w/URI Big Band | March 2024
- Jen Allen w/URI Big Band | March 2023