

JOAN BOW-BELGRAVE



Vocalist, producer, songwriter, Joan, began her musical career like so many others, singing in the choir of the Baptist church. Her musical education continued while studying classical voice. Her versatility as a musical stylist allowed her to perform as a vocalist in various genres of music from Jazz, Blues, and Gospel to Soul. Joan arrived in Los Angeles From Michigan in the late 70's performing primarily as a lead vocalist. With a powerful voice and her own jazzy/blues style, her solo CD "Variations" showcases all of this and more. Her latest CD "You Don't Know Me"- Marcus Belgrave's tribute to New Orleans, Ray Charles and the Great Ladies of Song, is a hit collaboration with Jazz Masters Marcus Belgrave & New Orleans Saxophonist, Charlie Gabriel, with new arrangements that will keep you wanting more!! Joan is a touring Lead Vocalist with Marcus Belgrave's Louis Armstrong, & Ray Charles Tribute Jazz Ensembles. As well as Lead Vocalist w/ 4th generation New Orleans born Charlie Gabriel's Traditional Jazz Ensemble Dazzling Audiences with performances at Detroit's, Legendary Baker's Keyboard Lounge, & Cliff Bells, Sold out performance at Detroit's Player's Playhouse Theatre!~!!... Chicago's Andy's Jazz Club, The Toronto Jazz Festival, Detroit Jazz Festival, Huntsville, Ontario Jazz Festival, Kerrytown Concert House, with Tony Monaco, Lansing MI, with Wes Anderson, Rodney Whittaker, Randy Gelispie, & Marcus Belgrave.

-Whether she is performing with a traditional big band, or a small ensemble of skilled musicians, listen closely and find yourself transported on a musical journey from the 30's to the present, including sweet love songs, sorrowful blues, and swinging beats.

"Mama this gal's got soul from head to toe"... Leonard Turnevicius, The Hamilton, Ontario Spectator – Ray Charles tribute ensemble with Marcus Belgrave & Curtis Fuller- 2005 Canadian tour

"Passion and lure.. a sense of intimate and everlasting charm"...Pete Fallico, KUSP radio, Santa Cruz, CA - KCSM radio, San Mateo, CA "Elegant... graceful bent notes and perfect pronunciation" – Linda Yohn, WEMU Ypsilanti, MI

"Joan Bow is a real treat, and together with Marcus Belgrave, this is an act that is a must see and hear.. a great voice, well trained, her voice is deep, smooth and polished...a class act and a beautiful talent - Paul Youngman – jazzreview.com – Toronto

"a class act...gospel, jazz, blues and neo soul... Joan is the evolution of the blues" – Afrikahn Jahmal Dayvs, KKUP San Jose, CA

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