



## Grace Notes Enterprises

Grace Notes Music™ ❖ Sing Jazz & More™ ❖ Singers Center  
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### **SINGERS FIND A “HOME OF THEIR OWN” IN NEW YORK CITY** **A center dedicated to singers learning and living their dream opens in New York**

July 21, 2006 (New York, NY) –The *Singers Center – Sing Jazz and More*™ is an educational and performance center where singers (professionals, amateurs, and anyone who ever had a fantasy of being a singer) come together to learn, network, and perform in any style of contemporary music (primarily jazz, also blues, gospel, rock, pop, Latin, and Broadway). The Singers Center offers a unique, supportive, and lively environment where singers can network, get career counseling, share experiences and resources while learning from active professionals in the music industry.

The faculty is made up of working musicians and music industry professionals who blend their real-life experience with academic knowledge to provide students with a well-rounded education. Classes are onsite and online – offering a blended learning experience that allows singers from all parts of the globe to interact with each other and learn from top names in the music industry. Plus the educational experience extends beyond the classroom into New York City’s rich cultural environment.

Offering three program tracks -- Vocal Jazz, Pop & More, and Musical Theatre, the *Singers Center* also offers musicianship classes (such as theory, sight-singing, ear-training), specialized classes (The Gig Series, Rhythm Grooves for Vocalist, Vocal Ensembles), as well as music business classes (Bookkeeping for Vocalists, Building Your Own Music Web Site, Creating a Press Kit) – both in the classroom and online – and offers Master Classes and Clinics with well-known singers.

“From technique to performance skills; sight-singing to scatting; preparing for the gig to leading the band on stage; getting the gig to tour management and much more, the Singers Center is dedicated to singers learning and living their dream.” says Director and founder, Grace Testani, a professional jazz singer, recording artist, and NYU-SCPS faculty member.

“This year we plan to extend our services to include the opportunity for our students to record and podcast their music over the Internet.” Currently employing SmartMusic and virtual classrooms, Ms. Testani is always looking for ways to use new and emerging technologies to create an exciting learning experience for the students.

“We hold many of our classes and recitals at The Collective, an instrumental music school in Manhattan, so our singers have the opportunity to meet and work with other musicians. We are proud to say that the singers who have gone through our programs at the Singers Center are not just wonderful singers, they are competent and confident musicians.”

**About the Director, Grace Testani:** Ms. Testani has performed in the major Jazz clubs in New York (Birdland, Blue Note, Village Gate) with top musicians such as Jim McNeely, Mike Richmond, Chip Jackson, Adam Nussbaum, Danny Gottlieb, Harry Whittaker, and Kenny Werner. Grace is also co-writer with **Chick Corea** and **Kenny Barron** and a recording artist for Grace Notes Records.





A singer, arranger, composer and keyboardist, Grace has been a music educator since 1983. Currently on the faculty of New York University – SCPS, Grace is also the Director of The Singers Center – Sing Jazz and More. Formerly on the faculties of The New School (the Guitar Study Center), Drummers Collective/SOJ Contemporary Music Studios and The Hebrew Arts School (Abraham Goodman House), a tutor for New York University (Gallatin Division), F.I.T. and Empire State College, has adjudicated at the Reno, NV Jazz Festival and has co-lead workshops with Sheila Jordan, Jay Clayton, and Janet Lawson.

She is a member of BMI and IAJE (International Association of Jazz Educators).

“If you like your singers bold and sassy, Grace Testani delivers on both counts!”  
~JAZZTIMES

“...Her version of Kenny Barron's Morning Sunshower is a gem. Recommended Listening!” ~CANADIAN RADIO

“...A risk-taking singer with an impressive range and an appealing, slightly husky voice...Testani gives us reason to be optimistic about the future of jazz singing.” ~LA JAZZ SCENE

“... Grace is equally comfortable singing standards or mainstream jazz instrumentals with lyrics. Her sense of the jazz tradition, her respect of the lyric, her interpretations and improvisation, and her ability to "swing" in any situation, make her performances always a unique and enjoyable experience.” ~ JAZZ WORLD INDEX

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