



about annette harris

The Earlier Years

A native of the Capital District area, Annette grew up surrounded by a musical family who shared a passion for all genres of music. At a very young age, she began singing in her church choir. Though small in stature, many were amazed to hear Annette sing the familiar gospel tunes with such power and poise.

During her middle and high school years, she participated in the school band playing clarinet and later taking piano lessons. While Annette enjoyed playing the clarinet and piano, she loved singing even more.

Although she never received formal vocal training, her natural talent afforded her many opportunities to participate in school play productions—performing everything from jazz, rhythm and blues, pop and gospel at an impressive level of artistry and professionalism.

Her Influences

The most influential person in Annette's life was her mother who cultivated and encouraged her artistic expression through music. As her talent developed, she fell in love with the melodies, lyrics and freedom of jazz. Annette attributes this to her mom's introduction to the voices of such vocal legends as Billie Holiday, Dinah Washington, Ella Fitzgerald, Natalie Cole, Aretha Franklin and Roberta Flack. Annette blends these diverse musical influences into her performances with a singular ability to take well known songs and make them her own.

Her Style

Annette's voice encapsulates the sultry sounds of soul, rhythm and blues. She performs tunes from the standard jazz repertoire, Bossa Nova, Rhythm and Blues and traditional vocal pop. Her effortless style embodies class, grace and elegance in every performance.

Her Accomplishments

Throughout her musical career, Annette has been the lead vocalist for several bands in Upstate New York. Currently performing as a duo with jazz pianist, Azzaam Hameed, she performs regularly at numerous venues in the Capital District as well as corporate functions, weddings, private parties and benefits. Annette has completed commercial jingles for Time Warner Cable, Peter Harris Clothes and The Times Union. Annette has also appeared as a guest artist on the Foy Brothers 2008 released cd "time".

Annette continues to evolve as an accomplished and sought after vocalist and is proud of her greatest musical accomplishment—the July 2011 release of her debut cd "When We Dance" which showcases her dual talent as a songwriter and vocalist, authoring the lyrics to the entire cd.

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