

KIM NAZARIAN

Biography

A native "up-state" New Yorker and Magna Cum Laude graduate of Ithaca College, Kim is a founding member of the Grammy award-winning group New York Voices, formed in 1987. She has recorded numerous CD's and toured the world with this outstanding vocal quartet. For their most recent project, the group took on the role of featured artist with Paquito D'Rivera on his latest release for the MCG Jazz label; "Brazilian Dreams".

In Japan, Kim has a solo CD on the JVC label entitled "Red Dragonfly In New York". This educational project is a collection of Japanese folk songs that have been translated into English and arranged in "western" musical settings. Ms. Nazarian is also a featured artist on a number of other CD's released on the MCG Jazz label, including "Afternoon In Rio" with Joe Negri, "The 21st Century Swing Band", and the highly acclaimed "A Nancy Wilson Christmas". Please go to mcgjazz.org for details. Always attracted to the "Latin Scene", Kim has performed and recorded with the Boston based band "El Eco". Particularly exciting for Kim is the recent opportunity to work on Bobby McFerrin's upcoming recording project.

After having a son of her own, Kim is even more dedicated to the quality of music for children and music education. Inspired by "Long Ago And Far Away", her original, interactive children's concert, Kim has co-produced a radio show for youngsters under the same title. Also, currently in the creative development stage, is an interdisciplinary TV Series/CD-Rom for children.

Additionally, soon to be completed are Kim's educational book and video/DVD covering her critically acclaimed approach to vocal technique and musical sensibilities for singers. Kim also disseminates her highly sought after perspectives through the teaching of private students, clinics, workshops, master classes, festival adjudication and guest conducting for all levels from grade school to graduate school.

In New York, Kim continues not only her private studio, but also her active involvement in the "studio scene" where her credits include numerous jingles and major motion picture scores. After establishing her "dual residency" in Pittsburgh, PA, Kim was a featured vocalist along with Ray Brown and Stanley Turrentine in the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre production, "Indigo In Motion". Kim truly enjoys being a wife and mom, whether at home or on the road.