

PETER ELDRIDGE

Biography

Besides his ongoing endeavors and engagements as a New York Voice, Peter continues to lead the eclectic life of a solo artist; mixing together all aspects of performing, recording, composing, producing and teaching. He now has two solo CDs out in the universe -- the compelling 'Fool No More', full of his evocative melodies and stirring lyrics. Allmusic.com said of the recording, 'Eldridge belongs in the celebrated tradition of melodic poets, most famously represented by such disparate voices as Stevie Wonder, Joni Mitchell and Van Morrison -- beautiful tunes with insightful lyrics that are both universal and personal'. 'Fool No More' was co-produced by Peter and the fiercely talented Ben Wittman.

Peter's other release is the melancholy, yet swinging, 'Stranger in Town', made up of some of Peter's favorite standards (and one original). He produced the project, bringing together such jazz luminaries as Michael Brecker, Claudio Roditi, Lewis Nash, and Romero Lubambo. WICN-FM in Boston awarded the recording the best jazz album of 2001.

For more information on these recordings and their availability go to Peter's website at www.petereldridge.com. These CDs, as well as NYV pianist Andy Ezrin's first trio recording 'Tactile' (which Peter also produced) are on the independent label Rosebud Music.

Peter has been performing regularly as a soloist, playing and singing at venues in Minneapolis, Chicago, Boston and of course his hometown, New York City. This November, after finishing a month in Europe with NYV, Peter will be staying on to make his European debut as a soloist. Check out Peter's website for his touring schedule.

An in demand teacher as well, Peter continues to be part of the jazz voice faculty at the Manhattan School of Music. In addition, he travels near and far conducting master classes and workshops. One of his many talented students is Jane Monheit, who Peter often performs with when their schedules permit. His list of activities in the near future include projects with Ivan Lins, Bobby McFerrin, and Broadway diva Betty Buckley.