

## Holli Ross Bio

HOLLI ROSS has been called a "voice of experience" by the late jazz critic, Stu Troup from New York Newsday. Her vocal ensemble experience is well documented on recordings with her long-time collaborators, the female vocal trio, String Of Pearls, Washington DC-based quartet, Mad Romance, and the NY- based quintet, 5 Steps Beyond. Holli's work with these groups included high-level festival and concert appearances such as with Peter Nero and the Philadelphia Pops Orchestra, the JVC and The Monterey Jazz Festivals.

Holli now steps out of line from her usual role and brings forth her first solo recording as a leader on Miles High Records called "You'll See." With a stellar band of NY's top jazz musicians, Ted Rosenthal, Rufus Reid, Matt Wilson, Claudio Roditi and Dennis Wilson, Holli graces the airwaves with fresh treatments of choice selections from the Great American Songbook as well as several original lyrics penned to compositions by both Roditi and Reid.

In pursuing her solo career, Holli has performed at top jazz clubs and concerts nationwide, from New Orleans' Snug Harbor to New York's Blue Note. She has toured Europe and recorded with the well-known German vibraphonist Wolfgang Lackerschmidt; she has also written lyrics to several of his compositions. Holli has recorded with organist Jack MacDuff and has performed with jazz greats, Gene Bertoncini, Bill Charlap, John Faddis, Bill Mays, Darmon Meader (of the NY Voices), Harmonica/vibraphonist, Hendrik Meurkens, Bucky Pizzarelli, Claudio Roditi, Ted Rosenthal, Dennis Wilson, and one of her greatest influences, singing giant, Jon Hendricks. Her discography also includes appearances on the NY-based "New Singers, New Songs" recording project.

Holli received her degree from Mannes College of Music (performance in bassoon) and studied with the great jazz saxophonist Warne Marsh. As a published songwriter for ASCAP and GEMA, Holli has penned lyrics to compositions by Miles Davis, Harold Danko, Roger Kellaway, Ivan Lins, Bill Mays, Roberto Menescal, Rufus Reid, Claudio Roditi, Sarah Vaughan, and Mal Waldron. Her songs have been recorded by Mark Murphy, Meredith D'Ambrosio, String of Pearls, 5 Steps Beyond, and Janis Seigel (of Manhattan Transfer) with the Count Basie Band.

Holli is a dedicated music educator, conducts clinics across the country, and teaches extensively in the New York area, most notably at Hofstra University, Montclair State University and Mannes College of Music. Holli is also a licensed voice therapist specializing in voice disorders and has a private practice in New Jersey.

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