

## Karla Harris

### Short Bio

Jazz vocalist Karla Harris, known for dynamic delivery, diverse arrangements and musical nuance, has captivated audiences from Portland to Provence, including at events such as the Sarasota Jazz Festival, Portland Jazz Festival, Oregon Coast Jazz Party, Nantucket Arts Festival, Atlanta Jazz Party, Atlanta Jazz Festival, and a TED Talk.

Critics acclaimed Harris' 2015 album, "Karla Harris Sings the Dave and Lola Brubeck Songbook," calling it "a work of sheer elegance." The project is the first full studio recording of vocal versions of several Brubeck compositions with lyrics by his wife, Lola. The album features world-renowned jazz artists Dave Weckl, Tom Kennedy, Bob Sheppard and Ted Howe. Harris' contemporary rendition of Brubeck's hit, "Take Five," receives airplay across the globe.

Harris' 2018 release, "Certain Elements," joins together the singer's influences of contemporary jazz, Latin, swing and blues in a suite of original music and thoughtfully delivered covers. *Jazz Weekly* writes that *Certain Elements*, "glows with wonderment." The album reached #44 on the prestigious *Jazz Week* chart and can be heard internationally, including on SiriusXM's Real Jazz. "Cherish," the album's hit single, was featured on the legendary Dave Koz's syndicated radio program. In 2020, two of Harris' original compositions featured on the album garnered semi-finalist status in the International Songwriting Competition.

An artist-in-residence with Kennesaw State University, Harris teaches Applied Vocal Jazz to aspiring singers passionate about this uniquely American art form. She lives in the Atlanta area with her family and one sassy poodle.