

Dina Blade is a singer with a deeply relaxed sense of time and swing who spent her early childhood watching old cartoons with jazz soundtracks and has been enthralled with the music ever since. She has graced stages in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Cuba and Brazil, singing at festivals, jazz clubs, schools, parties and other community events.

An effervescent performer with a devotion to the timeless songs from the 1930s and 40s Great American Songbook, Dina has created several thematic shows preserving the work of the master composers and lyricists from that era. For this reason she is a recipient of the American Masters Performance Initiative from the National Endowment for the Arts.

In lessons, workshops and master classes, Dina builds an easy rapport with students through gentle encouragement, helping each one find their own unique voice. She mentors many aspiring singers, passing along her knowledge about this great mode of expression with much enthusiasm and love.

As an American jazz artist, Dina's recordings are regularly featured on Music Choice National Syndicated Radio and can be heard both nationally and internationally. "Shall We Dance", her most recent release with her quintet Swingin' in the Rain, is perfect for dancing and includes fresh interpretations of jazz classics. "Bossa Amazônica", a collection of bossa nova and samba songs, was recorded in Acre, Brazil and features accompaniment by musicians from that region. Dina earned international acclaim for "I'm In the Mood For Love" featuring the lyrics of Dorothy Fields, and deejay Jim Wilke, Jazz Northwest's Host on KNKX, included the recording "My Romance" on his "Best of the Northwest" list. Other projects include "Sentimental Journey" featuring hits from the WWII era, and "Swonderful", celebrating popular jazz standards recorded with a world class rhythm section.

In addition to her skills as a vocalist, Dina is an accomplished guitarist. As a young child she learned to play folk songs on the guitar to accompany her singing, gradually expanding her repertoire to include American Jazz, Blues and Brazilian Bossa Nova. As an internationally known musician, Dina's popularity as a swinging vocal stylist continues to grow, and she maintains a busy schedule of performances and clinics designed to entertain and educate audiences of all ages.

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