

## KARRIN ALLYSON BIOGRAPHY

Karrin Allyson, 5-time Grammy nominated jazz vocalist, pianist, and songwriter is widely recognized as one of the most gifted voices of her generation. She has built a mastery of The Great American Songbook, blues, pop, be-bop, Brazilian, and French chansons, to name a few.

Allyson rose to prominence in the '90s, releasing a string of albums including her debut *I Didn't Know About You* in 1992 and picking up Best Jazz Vocal Album Grammy nominations for 2001's *Ballads: Remembering John Coltrane*, 2006's *Footprints*, 2007's *Imagina: Songs of Brasil*, 2011's *'Round Midnight*, and 2015's *Many a New Day: Karrin Allyson Sings Rodgers and Hammerstein*.

Born in Great Bend, Kansas, Allyson now lives in New York City, after growing up in Omaha, Nebraska and earning her bachelor's degree in Piano Performance from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She spent time in both Kansas City and Minneapolis before making the move in 2000. Also an accomplished vocal instructor, Allyson travels the world teaching, touring, and playing the major jazz festivals, concert venues, and clubs of the U.S. and overseas.

Allyson's impressive discography culminated last year with the release of *Some of that Sunshine*, her first collection of all-original songs. The record unleashes her dexterity as a songwriter and includes tracks that touch on social change and romantic disillusion while maintaining a joyous, bittersweet optimism.

With fifteen albums released so far, and always more exciting projects in the works, Allyson's range and creativity seems to have no bounds. What unites this wide world of music is Allyson's warmth and depth. She's not just singing a lyric, she's telling you her story. And then that becomes your story. You hear the music from the inside out.