

# Janice Borla

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## EDUCATION

1970 Bachelor of Arts (Voice and Musicology) Barat College, Lake Forest, Illinois  
1970-73 Post-graduate study (Voice and Musicology) University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1996-2021 Instructor, Vocal Jazz - North Central College, Naperville, Illinois  
1989-2014 Founder, Director, Instructor/Performing Artist -  
Janice Borla Vocal Jazz Camp and "Hot Jazz – 6 Cool Nites" Concert Series  
1986-2022 Private Studio Instructor, Vocal Jazz Home studio, Naperville residence  
1997-1998 Instructor, Vocal Jazz - College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, Illinois  
Instructor, Vocal Jazz - Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, Illinois  
August, 1996 Instructor/Performing Artist - Schwabischer Kunstsommer, University of Augsburg, Irsee, Germany  
1986-1996 Instructor, Vocal Jazz - Illinois Benedictine College, Lisle, Illinois  
1986-89 Program Coordinator, Instructor/Performing Artist  
Saskatchewan School of the Arts Summer Program, Saskatchewan, Canada

## RECORDINGS

*Artful Dodgers*, Tall Grass (TG 8285)  
*Three Story Sandbox*, Tall Grass (TG 8283) – *Downbeat Magazine* "Editor's Pick"  
*Promises to Burn*, Tall Grass (TG 8281) – 4-stars, one of the "Best CDs of 2014" by *DownBeat Magazine*  
*From Every Angle*, Blujazz (BJ3350) – 4-stars, one of the "Best CDs of 2007" by *DownBeat Magazine*  
*Agents of Change*, Blujazz (BJ3311) – #1 CD of 2003" by WBEZ-FM Chicago Public Radio  
*Lunar Octave*, DMP (DMP-3004)  
*Whatever We Imagine*, Sea Breeze Jazz (SB-2029) – 4-stars, Leonard Feather, *Los Angeles Times*  
re-released in Japan 2004 (P-Vine Records)

## PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Leader, The Jance Borla Group  
Performed with: Clark Terry, Bunky Green, Bobby Watson, Gary Bartz, Bobby Shew, Terry Gibbs, Holly Hoffman, Claire Daly, Peter Malenverni, Jack Reilly, Lou Marini, Dave Tofani, Jack Petersen, Norris Turney, Steve Rodby, Fareed Haque, Sheila Jordan, Jay Clayton, Judy Niemack, Janet Lawson, Kitty Margolis, Karrin Allyson, Dan Haerle, Floyd Standifer, Bob Bowman, John McLean, Danny Embry, Scott Robinson, Ashley Alexander, Howie Smith, Frank Mantooth, Johnny Frigo, Willie Pickens, Rich Fudoli, Roger Pemberton, Art Davis, Marlene Rosenberg and Jack Mouse.

## AWARDS/ RECOGNITION

#6 in the Jazz Vocalist category of the *Downbeat* Readers Poll (2021)  
Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary Foundation of Rotary International (2019)  
First Annual *Chicago Jazz Magazine* Award (1992) - for outstanding contribution to jazz in the Chicago area

## PROFESSIONAL OUTREACH

Judge, *DownBeat* Student Music Awards (2007-present)  
Vocal Improvisation Workshops – Emporia Granada Theatre (2019)  
special education students, adults from Hetlinger Developmental Services, Stepping Stones Unlimited  
"Improvisation as Therapy" Initiative – Little Friends Center for Autism (2018-19)

## **NOTABLE CONCERT PERFORMANCES/ JAZZ FESTIVALS**

Chicago Jazz Festival (Chicago IL)  
International Association for Jazz Education Conference (New York NY)  
Soroptimist Women in Jazz Festival (Fort Bragg CA)  
Elkhart Jazz Festival (Elkhart IN)  
University of Northern Colorado Vocal Jazz Festival (Greeley CO)  
Illinois State University Vocal Jazz Festival (Bloomington IL)  
Southwest Oklahoma State University Jazz Festival (Weatherford OK)  
Valparaiso University Jazz Festival (Valparaiso IN)  
Oak Lawn Jazz Festival (Oak Lawn IL)  
Triton College Jazz Festival (River Grove IL)  
Carl Sandburg College Jazz Festival (Galesburg IL)  
Saskatoon Jazz Society (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Canada)  
Topeka Jazz Workshop (Topeka KS)  
Jazz Horizons (Salina KS)  
Emporia Granada Theatre (Emporia KS)  
Emporia State University (Emporia KS)  
Paola Arts Council (Paola KS)  
Hutchinson Community College (Hutchinson KS)

## **WORKSHOPS/ GUEST ARTIST APPEARANCES**

DuPage Symphony, Pfeiffer Hall, North Central College (Naperville, IL)  
Jazz Ensemble, MacAnich Arts Center (Glen Ellyn, IL)  
Artist in Residence, Bellarmine College (Louisville, KY)  
Northern Illinois University (DeKalb, IL)  
Wichita State University (Wichita, KS)  
Kansas State University (Lawrence, KS)  
Washburn University (Topeka, KS)  
Marymount College (Salina, KS)  
Illinois Music Educators Association State Conference (Peoria, IL)  
Rolling Meadows Jazz Festival (Rolling Meadows, IL)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Original lyrics to "Five," *The Bill Evans Fake Book* TRO Ludlow, Publisher  
"Add a Vocalist to Your Instrumental Jazz Program" *IAJE-IL Newsletter*, December, 2003  
"Improvising a Vocal Solo on 'Beauty and the Beast'" *Downbeat*, December, 1996  
"Instrumental Jazz Transcriptions for the Solo Vocalist" *Jazz Educators Journal*, Fall, 1988  
"Key Selection for the Solo Vocalist" *Jazz Educators Journal*, Fall, 1985

## **NOTABLE TELEVISION AND RADIO**

WTTW-TV (Chicago) "Arts Across Illinois," 2004  
WTTW-TV (Chicago) "Artbeat Chicago," 1999  
WLS-TV (Chicago) "The Oprah Winfrey Show," with Gloria Estefan, 1996  
WGN-TV (Chicago + 28 States) "Chicago's Very Own," 1996  
WBEZ-FM (Chicago IL) "Performance Space," 2004  
WBEZ-FM (Chicago IL) "Jazz Forum," 1996  
WDCB-FM (Glen Ellyn IL) "Open Stage," 1995, 1994  
KANU-FM (Lawrence KS) "Dick Wright Show," 1989  
Malmo Jazz Radio (Fagersta, Sweden) "Birdland Club," 1988  
WBEZ-FM (Chicago IL) "9th Annual Chicago Jazz Festival," live broadcast, 1987  
CFMC-FM (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada) host Paul Taylor, 1986  
WFAE-FM (Charlotte NC) host Paul Stribbling, 1987  
WHRO-FM (Norfolk VA) host Jack Frieden, 1986  
WUON-FM (Ann Arbor MI) host Jack Frieden, 1986  
KMWU-FM (Lawrence KS) host Jim Wallace, 1986  
KANU-FM (Lawrence KS) host Dick Wright, 1986  
KSOE-FM (Wichita KS) host Bill Pierce, 1986  
KHCC-FM (Hutchinson KS) host Wendy Hermance, 1986