Judi Silvano

Singer/composer/artist Judi Silvano has worked in the New York area since 1976 when she moved from her native Philadelphia. Her career as modern dancer and then jazz singer has taken her to clubs, concert halls and universities around the world.

To date Judi has released 14 music recordings on the Blue Note, Soul Note/Black Saint, Zoho, Jazzed Media, Muse-Eek and JSL Record labels to critical acclaim and she sings from the heart each time in the genres of jazz, healing-meditation and chamber music. She has played and/or recorded with Joe Lovano, Kenny Werner, Jim Pepper, Bill Frisell, Jack DeJohnette, Charlie Haden, Steve Swallow, Paul Motian, Mal Waldron, Tim Hagans, Vic Juris, John Abercrombie, James Emery, Bob Belden, Antonio Farao, Bruce Arnold, Victor Lewis, Warren Smith, Newman Taylor Baker, Wynton Marsalis, Gunther Schuller, Manny Albam and Michael Abene.

Ms. Silvano’s acclaimed “Lessons Learned” on Unit Records features her 2-guitar Zephyr Band, with her stories for each of the Original Songs and Lyrics. Silvano chose Grammy Winner and Sax-Master Joe Lovano as Producer to help fully express her concepts as songwriter and singer, adding his signature sound on two tracks. They had a soldout show at NYC’s famed Birdland!

“My Dance” features veteran pianist Michael Abene in an intimate duo setting of all-Silvano Originals. Some songs have lyrics and some leave the story to the listener’s imagination.

Her foray into Electro-Acoustic improvisations with Bruce Arnold has resulted in fresh options for spontaneous composition. They both use Digital Effects on Guitar (SuperCollider) and Vocals (Eventide). To date they have released 3 albums: the adventurous “Listen To This”, a set of gentler soundscapes “Cloudwalking” and then “Unity” with a new project about to be released in 2022. The duo’s collaboration with Videographer Michal Shapiro created a video for each track: either their live performance, a dancer’s interpretation or imaginative use of visual effects.

As a progressive composer and arranger, Silvano has written over 45 pieces for chamber music and jazz ensembles incorporating some improvisation along with the written material. She was awarded a Meet the Composer grant and her chamber music songs have been played in NYC and Europe for New York Women Composers, Vox Musica and Ars Nova concerts. Silvano has also developed Educational Workshops called “Pathways to Music and Dance” (winning two New York State Council on the Arts grants NYSCA), was named Top 10 Vocalist in Downbeat Magazine four times, Best Jazz Singer in the Hudson Valley, contributed articles to All About Jazz & Jazz Improv Magazine, taught at Rutgers University and workshops worldwide.

Judi Silvano also paints. Her paintings, abstract and realistic in various media, draw inspiration from the beauty of Nature and her travels as well as the Musicians & Dancers she has witnessed and known through the years. Silvano’s work has been shown in Solo and Group exhibits and Juried shows across the country and Online. She is a Represented Artist in multiple arts groups.

For more about Judi’s musical and visual art Events please visit: www.judisilvano.com