

VANESSA RACCI BIO

Vanessa Racci is a NY based jazz and cabaret singer of Italian descent with a passion for retro jazz and Italian American contributions to music in America.

Growing up with her Southern Italian grandfather in New York, Vanessa became familiar with jazz and Italian American classics at an early age, hearing Dean Martin, Connie Francis, Frank Sinatra and the like played throughout the house. She starred in professional theater at age 12, discovered her love for jazz in her 20's and started touring with a trio. After her grandfather passed, Vanessa was inspired to reinvent the Italian classics that he taught her with modern jazz arrangements to keep the music alive for future generations. She teamed up with Gianni Valenti of Birdland Jazz Club NYC, producer, David Finck, and Manhattan Transfer arranger, Yaron Gershovsky, to realize her vision. The result was a sold-out album release show at Birdland NYC in 2017 and a unique album entitled, *Italiana Fresca*, that reached #65 on the jazz charts. Since then, she has performed at hundreds of Italian Festivals, events and jazz clubs across the country and has been played on over 150+ radio stations across the US and Italy. In Oct, '22 she released her second album, *Jazzy Italian*, on Zoho Jazz Label, celebrating Italian American contributions to jazz in the U.S. covering composers ranging from Louis Prima to Harry Warren to Chick Corea. The album was arranged and produced by Grammy winning band leader, Steven Feifke, made the top 10 traditional jazz albums of 2022 on the RMR jazz chart and has been programmed on Siriusly Sinatra (on Sirius XM), featured on Deana Martin's Night Cap on ABC Radio and a myriad of other stations. Vanessa also produces and performs in additional jazz and cabaret shows with retro music themes such as Prohibition Jazz Night, An Evening of Gershwin, Forbidden Love: The Love Story of Bobby Darin and Connie Francis, and many more. Notable appearances include ABC7NY Columbus Day Parade Red Carpet, Birdland NYC, The Paramount Theater opening for Sal "the voice" Valentinetti, Jazz Forum, The Cutting Room, The Hudson Valley Jazz Festival, Metropolitan Room, San Gennaro NYC, Don't Tell Mama, the NIAF Gala in Washington D.C. 2017., The DiMenna Center, Mohonk Mountain House, The Columbus Citizens Townhouse, The Italian American Museums of NY and LA, Chelsea Table & Stage, Jazz on Main and a residency at Swing 46 NYC. Vanessa also teaches voice lessons to a select number of premier students and uses her skills from 11 years in PepsiCo Marketing to provide consulting services for artists and entrepreneurs who want to monetize their passions. To learn more go to www.vanessaracci.com to see her show schedule or subscribe to her mailing list or follow @VanessaRacci on Instagram, Facebook, YouTube or Spotify. Hear her music wherever you stream.