

Brenda Earle Stokes

Short Bio (158 words)

Pianist and vocalist **Brenda Earle Stokes'** career has garnered international acclaim for her work as a performer, composer and educator. A natural multitasker, Stokes has fused a passion for the piano and a love of singing into a vibrant career that crosses genres. Her performance career has taken her across the US, Canada, New Zealand and Australia, playing at venues like the Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall, the Toronto Jazz Festival, performing as a band leader and side musician with artists such as Wycliffe Gordon, Maurice Hines and the DIVA Jazz Orchestra. Brenda is a passionate educator and has worked with every imaginable group of students, from young children to top professionals. In addition to teaching at Fordham University and running a busy private studio teaching voice, piano and songwriting, Brenda owns The Versatile Musician - a suite of online courses on piano, jazz, improvisation and musicianship and she has a bustling YouTube channel.