



A **Weekly two-hour** workshop for **all** singers, regardless of musical genre, who wish to develop their vocal expression and acquire skills in vocal performance. Instruction provides:

- ▶ Vocal warm-up and strengthening
- ▶ Videotaped performances
- ▶ Improved intonation
- ▶ Proper breathing techniques
- ▶ Repertoire selection
- ▶ Appropriate key selection
- ▶ Lead sheet understanding
- ▶ Proper microphone usage
- ▶ Singing with piano accompanist
- ▶ Identifying and communicating rhythm
- ▶ Getting acquainted with vocal improvisation
- ▶ Body Language and stage movement

The workshop supports, encourages and prepares the singer for jam sessions and open mic forums. At the end of the workshop season, a performance at a local music club for family, friends & the general public ensues.

#### **Founder and Director:**

**Mitzi Zilka**, a Portland native who studied and performed in Sydney Australia, the Netherlands and Los Angeles, is a veteran of the Portland Jazz scene and has two nationally & internationally distributed CDs. Mitzi has provided a forum for singers to develop and perform their craft by founding the **Portland Jazz Singers Concert Series/Showcase** now in its fifth year.

#### **Piano Accompanist:**

**Daniel Crothers**, a classically trained pianist and qualified accompanist with many years of experience working with singers and performers in multiple musical genres. Regarded as a prodigy in his youth, Daniel was a member of the Oregon Junior Symphony. While living in Prague, he was invited to play for the renowned Russian Ballet and performed as their solo accompanist.

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