

BIG BAND SHOWS

- Arrangements for 16-piece Big Band
- Unique productions embracing historical music themes
- Evoking places, moments and memories in ways only music can

The First Ladies of Song

Celebrating the music of the the greatest female phenoms of all time including Ella Fitzgerald, Aretha Franklin, Karen Carpenter, Etta James, Judy Garland, Peggy Lee and more! **Songs include:** *At Last, Fever, Natural Woman, Over the Rainbow, Misty, Fly Me to the Moon* and more!

Strike up the Band

Classic big band songs to listen and dance to! **Songs include:** *Zing! Went the Strings of my Heart, Orange Colored Sky, L.O.V.E., Fly Me to the Moon, Just in Time* and more!

Jingle Bell Swing

Swinging arrangements of holiday favorites. Up beat and entertaining!
Songs include: *Jingle Bells, Sleigh Ride, Boogie Woogie Santa Claus, Winter Wonderland, The Christmas Song* and more!



NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

The Columbus Jazz Orchestra with Byron Stripling
The Cleveland Jazz Orchestra with Sean Jones and Paul Ferguson
The BBC Big Band (United Kingdom)
Opus One Big Band (United Kingdom)

"A fabulous singer bubbling with swing, charisma and oceans of personal charm!"

Byron Stripling, Artistic Director of the Columbus Jazz Orchestra



About Helen Welch

Take the swing of Ella, sprinkle in the warm alto tones of Karen Carpenter, then add some soul and cheeky British humor and POW... you have world-renowned, critically-acclaimed vocalist, entertainer, producer and bandleader Helen Welch. Helen's beautifully-arranged and entertaining shows have intimately engaged audiences and packed houses around the globe. Broadway World boasts, "Helen's sophisticated vocals and humor leave the audiences breezily enchanted."

A native of England, Helen began her career on television's *Romper Room*. Since her early success, she has headlined with world-class organizations such as the *BBC Big Band*, *Glenn Miller Europe*, *Opus One* and others at some of the UK's most prestigious venues including: *The Ritz*, *The Savoy*, *Blenheim Palace*, *The Grosvenor House Great Room*, *Claridges* and many theatres in *London's West End*. Additionally, she held starring roles in a variety of popular musicals including: *Hello Dolly*, *Barnum*, *Carousel*, *42nd Street*, *Calamity Jane* and *Oliver Twist*.

After a very successful run in the UK, Helen relocated to the United States to guest star in the Broadway musical *Smokey Joe's Cafe*. Her immediate success landed her as a fronting vocalist for *The Cleveland Orchestra*, *The Breckenridge Summer Orchestra*, *The Grant Park Symphony Orchestra (Chicago)*, *The Florida Symphony* and the *Columbus Jazz Orchestra*. Since that time, Helen has been producing her own shows for *Cleveland's Playhouse Square*, *The Akron Civic Theatre*, *The Chautauqua Institution* and many other theatres and performing arts centers. In 2016, her musical release "Spellbound" was an entry for the Traditional Pop Category of the Grammy Awards.



Testimonials and Reviews:

"To say that the audience was in for a good time is an understatement. Welch is a performer with both stunning vocal ability and terrific stage presence... she more than proved that she has the chops for this music. She has an easygoing, witty nature that's very appealing."

– Arlene Bachanov, *Daily Telegram*

"Thanks Helen. It was a great pleasure to be on stage with you. Great voice, wonderful stage presence, very professional in all dealings. Made my life easy. I'm still getting great feedback."

– Jeff Tyzik, **Conductor, Arranger, Composer, Florida Symphony**

"Welch was the bell of the ball with her sophisticated song-stylings and was dazzling in the highly energetic numbers."

– Kerry Clawson, *Akron Beacon Journal*

"The Holiday spirit was provided by charming Cleveland singer Helen Welch who made an already smokin' CJO sound even better."

– Gary Budzak, *Columbus Dispatch*

