

SYMPHONY POPS PROGRAMS

World-class arrangements enjoyable for audiences to hear and orchestras to play!

The First Ladies of Song

Celebrating the music of the First Ladies of Song from Ella to Adele, from Streisand to Aretha Franklin and so much more! Including:

At Last – Etta James

Fever – Peggy Lee

Over the Rainbow – Judy Garland

Walkin' After Midnight – Patsy Cline

Natural Woman – Aretha Franklin

Evergreen – Barbara Streisand

I Won't Last a Day Without You – Karen Carpenter

Misty – Sarah Vaughan

Someone Like You and **Rolling in the Deep** – Adele

It Don't Mean a Thing if it Ain't Got That Swing – Ella and many more!

The American Songbook

A wonderful collection of best loved songs, Helen puts a fresh twist to American classics including:

I Got Rhythm

Someone To Watch Over Me

Over the Rainbow

Just the Way You Look Tonight

I've Got the World on a String

Strike up the Band

Embraceable You

The Very Thought of You

Fascinating Rhythm

Too Darn Hot

and more!

A Swingin' Holiday Pops

Helen would be a wonderful addition to your holiday program. Her arrangements include:

Happy Holidays / Holiday Season

Winter Weather / Winter Wonderland

I'll Be Home for Christmas

Little Drummer Boy

The Christmas Song

Please Come Home for Christmas

What a Wonderful World

It Happened in Sun Valley

On a Wonderful Day Like Today

NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

Grant Park (Chicago) with Jeff Tyzik

The Blossom Festival Orchestra (part of the Cleveland Orchestra)

The Florida Symphony

The Akron Symphony

Breckenridge Summer Festival

The South West Symphony

The Cleveland Pops Orchestra

The Ocean City Pops

The Firelands Symphony

The Hamilton Philharmonic (Ontario)

The Norwich Pops Orchestra (England)

"No orchestra wants to play whole notes behind a pops singer. Once they book Helen they ask her back for a 2nd AND a 3rd show!"

Helen performing with Jeff Tyzik and the Florida Symphony.

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.

Orchestra Benefits:

- First class, beautifully-packaged and arranged music that conductors and orchestras love to perform.
- Song selections which engage and entertain the money-spending, baby boomer audiences, then leave them wanting to come back for more.
- Scalable productions to suit orchestras of varying sizes and budgets.
- Helen is the consummate entertainer who will fully host the show.
- Many orchestras have successfully hired local musicians to play in the rhythm section or alternatively Helen can provide her own.



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**