



Ella Fitzgerald

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<http://www.ellafitzgerald.com/>

You will never find such a beautiful Jazz singer with a key range like Ella Fitzgerald. When musicians like to play for you because of your ability to sing in whatever key they decide to play the music in, you have made your mark. Ella made hers with an exclamation point. This ability made her the goto singer for shows that were thrown together at the last minute, sudden changes and rapid tours where a steady singer was needed who could still wow the crowd.

She not only wow the crown, but many of the musicians and artists who played and sung with her as well. None regret the experience and many said their learning IQ went up about an octave or two. Many of the female Jazz singers today owe their ambitions to Ella and when you hear them sing, Ells's style shows through and through.

Aretha Franklin	Betty Carter	Dianne Schuur
Sarah Vaughan	Dianne Reeves	Betty Carter
Dinah Washington	Cassandra Wilson	Diana Krall
Carmen McRae	Lena Horn	
Peggy Lee	Dee Dee Bridgewater	
Etta Jones	Shirley Horn	
Bille Holiday	Ethel Waters	

Developed beautiful and unique styles that made their marks as well, but they all owe their motivation, passion and inspiration to the great Ella Fitzgerald.

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