

Dear friend of Grace and Grace Notes Music and the Singers Center. I'd like to personally thank you for all your support over the years.

As 2011 comes to an end, we look back gratefully at the struggles and triumphs over the last 3 years. And through it all Grace Notes Music — a recording, performance and education center dedicated to promoting JAZZ with an emphasis on VOCALISTS has survived. The unique synergy between the recording label, the performance production company, and the educational center allows Grace Notes to offer creative musical expression and enjoyment both live and online. Grace Notes has gone from a "one woman show" to a team of professional musicians and business associates, working together to create a place where singers can be nurtured and encouraged to follow their dream.

If you were considering making a year-end tax-deductible contribution, I ask that you consider donating to Grace Notes Music today. This will help us continue our projects and support our operations.

Of course you can make a donation anytime.

Grace Notes Music is a sponsored project of Fracture Atlas, a non-profit arts service organization. Contributions on behalf of Grace Notes Music may be made payable to Fractured Atlas and are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. Please make your contributions by credit card today



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If you'd like to receive a year-end tax deduction, now is your opportunity. Please be so kind as to make Grace Notes Music a priority with your generous tax-deductible gift by December 31, 2011.

We begin the New Year with excitement for the planned projects.

. The Challenges and Victories for Grace Notes Music

An Update:

The Challenge: In addition to the economy that has affected us all: the main challenge for Grace Notes has been a delay in many of the projects we set out to accomplish in the past 2 years. Our Artistic Director (me) was diagnosed with a recurrence of breast cancer and spent most of 2009 successfully battling this illness. Immediately following treatment, I contracted Encephalitis of the Brain that had me in the hospital and rehab for all of 2010 and part of 2011. Consequently many of the projects that I was spearheading had to be postponed:

- I was on the top of the short list of candidates for Chair of the Vocal Department of Berkeley School of Music in Boston. They asked me: Do you really want to move from NYC to Boston? I said: The only issue I saw was that I was a big Yankee fan but I would compromise and buy a Red Sox ball cap" we all laughed.
- I was teaching a group of Italian exchange students at The Collective School of Music.
- Plus we were on the way to being performance ready for the "Singing and Swinging With The Band" a collaborative project featuring a group of NYU students-- 8 singers, an instrumental Octet, and 4 Arrangers, and me as conductor and director - sponsored by the Coordinating Council for Music at New York University and Grace Notes Music.
- Plus tour and recording preparations.

THE GOOD NEWS: is that I am doing very well, thank the Lord. Just completed teaching a new course at NYU SCPS that I developed called "Lush Lives: Jazz Vocalists" - a history from the Blues to today. It was so well received that NYU will be offering it again in the summer of 2012.

The Triumph: These illnesses have made me realized that now, more than ever, it was time to pursue my true passion and my God-given talents.

- Singing and sharing jazz, by making music with others, all over the world
- Teaching the next generation of singers Jazz, and
- Keeping the history of this uniquely original American art form, JAZZ, alive.

I and the Grace Notes team are eager to get back to what we do – which is sharing jazz music with others and passing on the tradition through education.

*** Many thanks to **Jazz Times**, **Jazz Ed** magazine, **Jazz Inside NY** magazine, and **Jazz Improv** magazine for generously donating advertising space to allow us to maintain name recognition during this difficult time. Plus special thanks to our Corporate Sponsor, **Creative Computing Center, Inc.** who maintains our websites

We have many wonderful programs and projects planned for 2012 (see below).

Music – and singing in particular – has such a healing power. We are exploring grants to allow us to offer free singing workshops at hospitals, rehab centers, schools, Libraries and, underserved areas.

At Grace Notes we have a unique approach. Very few music organizations are dedicated exclusively to Jazz Singers. Plus, because of our involvement with technology we can offer our services globally. Grace Notes Music is a sponsored project of Fracture Atlas, a non-profit arts service organization. This means your donation is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. Your gift today will support Grace Notes Music's current and 2012 planned projects.



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Any donation will help make these upcoming projects possible. For example:

- \$25 will rent space for 1 hour
- \$50 will allow a scholarship for a 1 hour private voice lesson
- \$75 will pay an instructor for 1 hr. plus transportation
- 100 will pay for Guest Jazz Vocalist Clinician for 1 hour (typically Master Classes are 3 hrs.)
- 125 will pay for our hosting service for 1 year
- 200 will help cover promotional material for master Class

To give you some ideas

- We also have Corporate Sponsorship Plans for corporate community involvement marketing



*** Please Note: For your contribution to be tax-deductible in 2011, it must be submitted by December 31, 2011.

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Current Projects

- We developed an online course "Accounting for Artists" for Fractured U, the online university of Fractured Atlas. And now, in collaboration with Creative Computing Center, we are developing a more robust list of online and onsite courses about Business for singers and musicians. Including how to use Social Media and monetize its use, and how to stay in the "profit zone".
- We are in talks with The Collective School of Music to collaborate together to allow Vocalists to work with Instrumentalist and vice-versa.
- We are already planning Master Classes with some of the best known Jazz Vocalists in the world today. Especially our inspiration, **Sheila Jordan** -N.E.A.'s 2012 Jazz Master Awardee. The highest honor our country gives to jazz musicians. It will be Live and webcast. - Your contribution will help pay for these Master classes.

Planned Projects

- Doing exchange learning opportunities for our students with the students of Grace's colleagues in universities in Germany, Italy, Canada, Spain, NJ, CA, FL and more (In collaboration with The Collective School of Music.)
- Developing new courses in performance, recording and more.

Grace Notes Records is in the planning stages of a new recording by Grace Testani featuring the music of Wayne Shorter with lyrics by Grace – with national and international promotional tours.

The Singers Center will be adding new courses such as: Rhythm Grooves for Singers, Creating a Digital Press Kit, Social Media for Marketing & Promotion, and free webinars on Introduction to Social Media and more. We are also expanding our student base with new talent internationally and adding new instructors.

We are also investing in exporting The Singers Center and Grace Notes recording artists through Clinician workshops, residencies and performances in colleges and community art centers.

We will continue to offer our highly successful and jointly sponsored Teens Program with the New York Public Library, and provide Vocal Jazz programs for The Collective School of Music's exchange students from Denmark, Italy and more.

Your contribution will also allow us to broaden our reach to singers all over the globe by utilizing new and emerging technologies. We are actively using Social Media and revamping our current websites. You can follow Grace and Grace Notes Music on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, MySpace and more. Hear Grace's music on CD Baby Amazon, iTunes, Rhapsody, Spotify, and various other online music outlets and jazz radio stations

Yes, our goals are ambitious. But our love of Jazz music, wanting to share that joy with others and the deep desire to pass on the Jazz singing tradition demands our highest aspirations.

We will only succeed, however, with your help. Please become a member of Grace Notes Music today with the most generous tax-deductible gift you can afford!



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Wishing you a Happy and prosperous New Year filled with lots of love, music, and great memories!

Grace Testani

Owner and Artistic Director