

S U Z I S T E R N



“Jazz singer Suzi Stern has learned the great secret that transcends art...that the voice from the heart is at the center of all virtuosity.”

~ Brad Buchholz
Austin American Statesman

“Her voice is wonderful, soaring with jazzy lyricism...”

~ Michael Point
Down Beat music critic

“Stern is a gifted artist who simultaneously defines and reinterprets what jazz is today.”

~ Beth Hoskins

Buffalo Evening News

“Stern’s ease with a challenging melody is matched by her improvisational prowess...”

~ Dan DePrez
Portland Willamette Week

“Suzi, you’ve done a superb job. You make it sound and seem so easy, giving my melodies a voice...Write on!”

~ Joe Henderson

BIO

Jazz vocalist Suzi Stern, now based in Austin Texas, was born in Buffalo New York, to parents who were both professional jazz musicians. Coming from a family of artists, dancers, actors and musicians, her indoctrination into the arts started at a very early age. Stern studied classical voice at the University of Texas, but her improvisational prowess came from her love of a vocabulary used in instrumental jazz, making her most influential mentors the musicians she has shared the band stand with. Suzi is also a published poet and writes most of her own lyrics to jazz classics, contemporary jazz and her own original compositions. From collaborations with bassist David Friesen, saxophonists Joe Henderson and Joshua Redmond and pianist Denny Zeitlin Stern's lyrics appear in several Hal Leonard Publications and have been recorded by artists worldwide.

Aside from recording and live performance, Suzi is a respected jazz educator. She was on the faculty of Marylhurst College in Oregon for several years and presently teaches clinics across the U.S. and Europe. Being a catalyst for helping new singers to find their own voice continues to be a fulfilling journey and great joy for Stern.

Discography:

Leap of Heart	Aardvark Records, 2009
Lament	Aardvark Records, 2004
Inside Stories	Viewpoint Records, 2001
Seven Stars	Mad moon Records, 1996

Performing Ensembles:

The Suzi Stern Quintet: Jazz Standards transformed by Stern's arrangements and original lyrics, focusing heavily on vocal improvisation, with John Mills sax, Rich Harney piano, Rob Kazenel drums, John Fremgen bass.

Suzi Stern Trio: Original compositions in a sparse musical presentation moving the listener into the heart of the song and it's lyric, with Eddy Hobizal piano, Rob Kazenel drums, and John Fremgen bass.

G.A.T.O. 6: Original latin groove and classic latin jazz with original arrangements. George Oldziej piano, Brannen Temple drums, Kris Afflerbaugh bass, Bob Meyer trumpet and flugelhorn, and John Mills sax

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