

Kathy Thompson

Kathy has been a professional singer since her first performance at age 16. Starting out as a voice major for three years in the **Humber College** Music Program in Toronto, and studying with various private singing teachers. Kathy joined the RCAF and was posted in Ottawa where, after Basic Training, was the vocalist for the **Royal Canadian Air Force** 55-piece Central Band. During her stay in the military, Sergeant Thompson was also on library staff as a copyist / calligrapher. Upon returning home to Toronto she has done performances numbering into the thousands: clubs, festivals, corporate events, private functions, television, film & recordings working with the finest local musicians.

Kathy established her own dance band for corporate and private functions. Clients included: BT Bank of Canada, Bulk Barn Canada, Craigeleith Ski Club Collingwood, The Delta Chelsea Inn, Ford Motors, Morneau Coopers Lybrand, North 44 Bistro, Ontario Place Pod Jazz Oyster Bar, Ontario Timers Association, Proctor-Silex Canada, Prudential Assurance, The Old Mill, Quinte Arts Council, ReMax Oakville Realty, Rosedale Golf & Country Club, Suzuki Canada, and The International Group.

Kathy was a founding member of **The Singers Guild of Toronto** with three other vocalists. She wrote articles, helped organize member gatherings at the Keg Mansion, and created events for singers such as Women's Self Defense workshop, and an evening with **Donny Osmond**, where he spent an hour after "Joseph" one night talking to our group about singing and the music industry. The SGT also recruited legendary jazz singer **Annie Ross** for a masterclass.

Kathy was elected to the **Board of Directors, Toronto Musicians' Assoc.** (AFofM) for the 1994 – 96 term where she was active on the PR Committee to support live music in Canada, and was chair of the misc. contract revision committee. Kathy was also editor of the "See the Music" live talent guide.

Kathy has done film work such as standing in for **Debbie Reynolds**. As a jingle singer Kathy's voice was heard for Irwin Toys, Wal-Mart Canada in-store, Grand and Toy, Dixie Value Mall and Cream of Wheat. She studied animation voice acting in Los Angeles and Toronto, as well as studying Comedy Improv at Second City and at Theatresports.

Kathy was a singing host at Mark Breslin's "**Sing Sing**", the owner of **Yuk Yuk's** comedy clubs.

Kathy composed, published and distributed 3 independent recordings on CD, which still receive Canadian airplay, most notably her Christmas single "**The Gift of Love**". She won a **Scarborough Arts Council Award** for one of her original country songs, "Put Your Mind at Ease".

Singing Live jazz, Kathy sang the music of Harry James with Paul Grosney's Orchestra in many venues including Toronto Jazz Festival, Canada Day Nathan Phillips Square,

Kathy has performed a principal role in the hilarious musical comedy improv show "Joey & Gina's Comedy Wedding" for many years. Kathy's Holiday Carolers have enjoyed a cappella Christmas caroling in venues such as **OLG Casinos** around southern Ontario and at Long Term Care and senior retirement residences.

Kathy has been a vocal coach for over two decades. She still teaches private singing lessons to individuals and groups. (www.purevoicepower.ca) Kathy hopes to complete her instructional CD for singing students in 2018.

As the creator of **Pure Voice Power** Coaching for Better Business Communication, Kathy delivers voice & speech seminars and workshops for the corporate world. She has been a guest voice expert twice on **CBC Radio One**. Kathy was invited to join the CE faculty at Toronto's **Centennial College** to teach a series of voice improvement classes since 2005 through to summer 2014. She has taught classes on voice improvement for business communication skills at Toronto's Learning Annex. One of her voice classes was featured on CBC Radio 1 on *Lost and Found*.

Kathy is an **Advanced Bronze Toastmaster** public speaker and is also a graduate of the National Institute of Broadcasting. Kathy is a **Certified Teacher of Adults** honours graduate. She completed the course: "Foundations of Coaching: The Gestalt Way". In 2015 Kathy completed Level 2 of the music therapy course called MUSICARES, Room 217 Foundation, as well as Semester 1, Thanatology Certificate course, Centennial College.

KATHY is a Music Wellness Program Facilitator for Seniors & Long-Term Care

Since 2010 Kathy has been a visiting retirement residences and Long Term Care facilities doing her Sing for Wellness program with seniors and assisted living residents. Her curriculum is a structured hour session once a month. This interactive musical wellness class includes clapping rhythms, light chair exercises, use of sing-along lyric books, singing for voice conditioning, improving memory with familiar music. Exercises for: breathing, posture, socialization & cognitive activity. Some music appreciation / listening therapy. Included also is some history and/or storytelling. Focus on health, well-being & enjoyment.

WHERE has Kathy performed?

Atlantic City / Trump Taj Mahal / Millennium NYE
 Atlantic City / Bally's Park Place, Claridge Hotel & Casino
 Banff, Alberta / Silver Springs Hotel
 Basel, Switzerland / Häbst Theatre
 Berlin, Cologne, Germany / Stars in Concert
 Branson, Missouri / Osmond Family Theatre
 Brussels, Belgium / N.A.T.O. Headquarters
 Cancun, Mexico / Fiesta Americana Hotel
 Cincinnati Radisson Hotel
 Hamilton, Ontario / Dundurn Park / Hamilton Pride
 Florida / Amelia Island Resort, Coral Springs Performing Arts Centre
 Fort Erie, Ontario / Crystal Ridge Arena
 Freeport, Bahamas / Big Red Boat Cruiseline
 Hamilton ON / Flamboro Downs Casino, Ronald McDonald House Gala
 Hamilton, ON / Sheraton, Pride Auction & Fundraiser: Emcee /Host
 Hartford, Connecticut / SRO Cabaret '05-One Woman Show
 Huntsville / Hidden Valley
 Jackpot Nevada / Cactus Pete's Casino Resort
 Japan / Yokota, Atsugi & Yokosuka
 Las Vegas / Imperial Palace, Las Vegas Hilton
 London, ON / Wintergarden, HALO Pride / Centennial Hall
 Michigan, Dearborn / Ford Centre for the Performing Arts with Frankie Ford, The Drifters
 Michigan, Fraser-Detroit Sport City, Northville /Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall /
 Michigan, Monroe / La-Z-Boy Theater one woman concert March 2009
 Millgrove, Ontario / Cedars Private Park
 Milton, ON / Mohawk Raceway: National Anthem (A Cappella)
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin / Potawatomi Casino , Ho-Chunk Casino Black River Falls
 Minneapolis / Mall of America
 Minnesota / Mystic Lakes Casino
 Mississauga Living Arts Centre / MAC Awards (television host)
 Mississauga, ON / Stage West Dinner Theatre / Delta Meadowvale
 Montreal Jazz Festival with the Vernon Isaacs Big Band

Nassau, Bahamas / Big Red Boat
 New York City / Rockefeller Centre
 New York, Jamestown / Willow Bay Theater
 Niagara Falls, ON / Brock Sheraton, Americana Resort, The Greg Frewin Theatre
 Niagara Falls, New York / Smokin' Joe's Event Centre, Seneca Casino, Main Theatre
 Oakville, ON / Oakville Banquet and Conference Centre
 Oshawa Little Theatre, ON
 Orillia, Casino Rama, Main Theatre Diva's show
 Ottawa, ON Barrymore's, Rideau-Carleton Racetrack Slots,
 National Arts Centre, National War Museum
 Port Canaveral, Florida / Big Red Boat
 Port Dover Diva Show / Festival Lighthouse Theatre
 Quebec / Bromont Resort, Lac Leamy Casino, Gatineau
 San Francisco / San Francisco Marriott
 Sarnia, ON / Hiawatha Race, Slots & Casino
 South Carolina, Myrtle Beach / Legends in Concert Theatre
 Toronto / Air Canada Centre Opening Day Ceremonies, The Old Mill
 Toronto / CN Tower Restaurant , The Distillery District, The Imperial Room, Cruiseline Boat Cruise, Granite Club,
 Planet Hollywood, Carlu, D/X (Design Exchange), Sheraton City Hall, North 44, Granite Club, Rosedale Golf &
 Country Club, The Docks, Liberty Grand CNE, Scotia Plaza, Edo Sushi Eglinton
 Ontario Place: Forum Woody's Halloween Fundraiser (\$1,800. raised for PWA / People with Aids)
 Utah / St. George Arena
 Woodbridge, ON / Match Events Facility

Jazz Performances by Kathy

With the **Norman Marshall Villeneuve Trio**, SuiteLife Arts For Youth Scholarship Fundraiser, **The Rex Hotel** Jazz and Blues Bar, Toronto
 Jazz at Anabella's Lounge, Old Cabbagetown Jazz Cab with Whitney Smith,
 Black Dog Pub, Kathy Marie & Friends
 The Pod Oyster Bar Ontario Place
 Markham Jazz Festival, EDO Jazz
 DuMaurier Jazz Festival
 Montreal Jazz Festival
 Waterfall Jazz series, Ontario Place with Paul Grosney
 Jacob's & Company Steakhouse Jazz Duo

Some of the ***Bands & Musicians Kathy*** ***has performed with:***

Glenn Smith (Las Vegas)	Gene DiNovi, pianist
Bob DeAngelis Orchestra	Wayne Kelso, pianist
The Late Vic Franklyn	Grant Slater, pianist
(The Late) Paul Grosney Orchestra	Patti Jannetta
Guido Basso (of the Boss Brass)	Mike Allen, guitarist
Barry Romberg, drummer	Brigham Phillips
Craig Ruhnke Band	Tony Mergel, pianist
Henry Cuesta (Lawrence Welk Show)	The Late Brian Harris
Ted Quinlan, guitarist	Roy Patterson, guitarist
Tommy Ambrose	Eugene Amaro Quartet
Bob DeAngelis Orchestra	John Cheesman, drummer
Dan Stapleton Orchestra	Moxy Whitney Orchestra / Café of Wild Culture
Bobby Heriott Orchestra	Norm Amadio, pianist
Vernon Issaacs Big Band	Marty Anderson & Midnite Hour
Pat Collins	Lew Mele
Etobicoke Swing Orchestra	Whitney Smith Orchestra
Phil Gray Quartet	(The Late) Hart Wheeler Ensemble
Scott Alexander, bassist	Kenny Simon Guitar & Vocal Jazz Duo
Brian Dickenson, pianist	Danny McErlain, pianist

Brian Murphy, pianist
 Ron Willmot and Rendezvous
 The Casino Brothers with Paco Danesi
 Dan Bone Trio, Belleville
 Sweet Surrender
 Lou Bartolomucci
 Rick Gratton, drummer
 The Paul Zurin Orchestra
 The Etobicoke Community Orchestra
 Brian Wray, pianist
 Rick Levine's Toronto Party Band
 Jerry Caringi Band
 Tony Quarrington Trio

Bandtastic Super Reunion Band
 The Moonmen with Mike Mullen
 Kevin Dempsey, drummer
 Los Amigos and (The Late) Roberto Acosta)
 Terry Dee & Showdown
 (The Late) Harvey Seigel
 Paul Wiggins, pianist - organist
 The Matt Pines Band
 The Rosemary Galloway Quartet
 Jordan O'Connor
 Kirk McDonald, Saxophonist
 Bandtastic (Jewish Bandleader's Superband)
 National Anthem Woodbine, Mohawk Raceway 2011

Kathy's Other Appearances & Performances...

TELEVISION COMMERCIALS

Campbell's / Chunkamania
 Canada's Wonderland / Thunder Run
 Hostess / Hall of Fame

Labatt's / Celebration
 Pontiac / Big Sky
 Shell / Leapfrog

SINGING JINGLES

Dixie Value Mall
 Glidden Paint
 Grand & Toy (Christmas)
 Irwin Toys / Make-Up Magic Suzie
 Irwin Toys / Playland Babies, Stargazers
 Irwin Toys / There's a New Member of the Family
 Jumbo Video

K-Mart / nationwide in-store
 Labatt's Party Case
 Molson Park
 North York City Centre
 Panzorotto & Pizza
 Toronto Star / Skydome

SPOKEN VOICE OVER

Chinese Talking Yellow Pages Directory
 York University International Karate
 Championship Emcee / Host
 Irwin / Baby Suzie (& sing)
 Irwin / L'il Makin' Faces

Irwin / Puppy in my Pocket
 Irwin / Whisper Me Secrets
 Mark Breslin's Sing Sing / Host, Vocalist
 Sailor Moon (doll character sound chip)
 Smurf Figures / Who's Softer?

T.V. / FILM / STAGE:

MAC Awards, Living Arts Centre (televised)	...Co-Host / Emcee with comic Victor J. Hanson
Check It Out / Don Adams	...cashier
Las Vegas, Imperial Palace	...documentary as Bette Midler
Many Happy Returns / George Segal	...juror
Northern Telecom	...narrator / principal actor
P.R. (sitcom)	...cameo appearance as Bette Midler
Return of Perry Mason	...reporter
Sadie & Son / Debbie Reynolds	...stand-in for Debbie Reynolds
Stanley & Iris / Jane Fonda, DeNiro	...nurse
Suspect w/ Cher, Dennis Quaid	...courtroom secretary
What's On in Atlantic City	...documentary as Bette Midler
White Room / Karen Valentine	...pianist / special skill
Awareness Absenteeism (Industrial) Bell Canada	...Sally Fidget, discussion panel
Doc, starring Billy Ray Cyrus	...Billy's wife holding baby at a party next to him

RECORDINGS

"The Gift of Love" Composed & published by K. Thompson / ongoing Canadian playlist: Seasonal; Christmas
 "A New Romance" Composed & published by K. Thompson
 "Forgive and Forget" Composed & published by K. Thompson