

Reflections of Peggy Lee & Benny Goodman

Starring
internationally acclaimed Jazz Singer/Pianist
Carol Welsman

& Clarinet virtuoso
Ken Peplowski

with Pops Symphony Orchestra

It is time to pay a special tribute to one of the most dynamic popular singers of the 21st century, Miss Peggy Lee.

Never before has the life story of Miss Peggy Lee been told and her music performed as eloquently as now by a woman whose musical ability, velvet vocal timbre, looks, and unaffected vocal delivery hauntingly resemble those of Peggy Lee. Carol Welsman's CD entitled *I LIKE MEN! Reflections of Miss Peggy Lee*, in tribute to the singing icon, has garnered rave reviews since its release in late 2009, including a Juno award (CDN Grammy) nomination for best jazz vocal album, and Top 5 Pick of the Year in USA Today (Elysa Gardner).

Academy award winning actress Reese Witherspoon is producing and starring in a biopic movie about Peggy Lee, and a recent Starbucks re-release of Peggy Lee's music put her back on the billboard charts after 39 years!

Be mesmerized by vocalist /pianist Carol Welsman as this six foot tall willowy blonde weaves a musical thread through the timeless repertoire of superstar Peggy Lee.

Carol's co-star is clarinet virtuoso, Ken Peplowski, opens the evening with a tribute to Benny Goodman, playing some of his greatest hits.

Each song has its own story, and Carol reveals anecdotes about Miss Lee between the songs. The synergy between Carol and Ken elevates the ambiance as they simmer into Swing or Ballad and sizzle into Samba or Cha Cha Cha.

From her solo piano/vocal renditions to full orchestra accompaniment, Carol's sultry and silky mood prevails; so reminiscent of Peggy Lee.

Benny Goodman discovered Peggy Lee in 1939, and she garnered instant success. She was nominated for 12 Grammy Awards, and won a Grammy in 1969 for her legendary recording of the Lieber/ Stoller hit "Is That All There Is?".

The late Mel Tormé said, "Since the advent of Benny Goodman, there have been too few clarinetists to fill the void that Goodman left. Ken Peplowski is most certainly one of those few. The man is magic. "The New York Times pronounced a concert of Ken's "Goodman Straight Up, With A Twist Of Lightning. "These quotes only hint at Ken Peplowski's virtuosity - not only is he an outstanding clarinetist and saxophone player, but he's also a charismatic entertainer who has been delighting audiences for over 30 years with his warmth, wit, and musicianship.

This is a musical evening not to be missed!

Perfect-Lee

**With Carol Welsman / Ken Peplowski
Program Content**

King Porter Stomp

Avalon

Sweet Georgia Brown

Honeysuckle Rose*

Stompin' At the Savoy

Why Don't you do right*

Where or When

Heart

Fever

Lover

Memories of You

Seven Come Eleven

Moonglow

The Folks who live on the hill

Manana

Don't be that way

Do I love you?

Flying Home