

Brenda Earle Stokes 250 Word Bio

Jazz pianist and singer Brenda Earle Stokes' career is a testament to Emerson's idea that life is a journey, not a destination. Stokes has fused a passion for the piano and a love of singing into a vibrant career that spans genres easily. With her new album, *Right About Now*, she's found a balance between her two instruments and very personal place from which to tell stories. *Right About Now* features six of Brenda's original compositions, new lyrics to compositions by Village Vanguard lead alto saxophonist Dick Oatts and Brazilian legend Egberto Gismonti as well as unexpected takes on songs by Joe Jackson and Pete Townshend. Brenda's expressive vocals are framed by virtuosic piano chops and explore a range of genre-bending grooves rooted in modern jazz.

A native of Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, Brenda's career has taken her across Canada and US, and internationally performing at venues like the Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall, the Toronto Jazz festival, Avery Fischer Hall and the Christchurch Arts Festival in New Zealand and has performed with such artists at Wycliffe Gordon, Donny McCaslin, the DIVA Jazz Orchestra and Maurice Hines. Brenda will be touring the US, Canada, New Zealand and Scandinavia in support of *Right About Now*. She currently resides in New York City where continues to write music, refine her craft, and learn how to balance the various sides of her musical personality. And most importantly, she continues to prove that life is about the journey.

...a breezy delight.”
– Time Out New York
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