

**2008 BackStage Magazine Bistro Award
THE BMI AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING RECORDING**

**2008 Manhattan Association of Cabarets & Clubs
BEST FEMALE JAZZ VOCALIST & BEST JAZZ RECORDING Nominee**

**2007 Cabaret Hotline
MEMBERS' CHOICE AWARD**

Award-winning vocalist Linda Kosut swings jazz, pop and folk, blending songs of these differing genres into unexpected renditions and arrangements. Linda has performed nationally at clubs such as New York's Iridium Jazz Club, the Jazz Bakery in Los Angeles, San Francisco's Yoshi's Jazz Club, and completed a 6-show run in 2010 at San Francisco's premier nightclub, The Razz Room.

A native New Yorker, Linda grew up wanting to perform, but took it on as a "hobby" by studying acting, dance and voice. Yet, after her move to San Francisco over 25 years ago, and as she approached "retirement" age, she says, "I had this strong urge to finally pursue my lifelong dream of singing and performing." "My approach to music and my song choices seem to have as much to do with the wisdom of age [mine] as it does with the sheer joy I get from performing, entertaining and inspiring others."

Linda has recorded two solo CDs, the most-recent of which *Long As You're Living, the songs & poetry of Oscar Brown Jr* - a heartfelt tribute to the late jazz great - received BackStage Magazine's 2008 **BISTRO/BMI AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING RECORDING**, as well as nominations for **BEST FEMALE JAZZ VOCALIST** and **BEST JAZZ RECORDING** from MAC, Manhattan Association of Cabarets & Clubs, and the Cabaret Hotline 2008 **MEMBERS' CHOICE AWARD**.

A mainstay in the San Francisco Bay Area music community, through her company, Jizel Music & Design, Linda is also a singers' coach, always looking for innovative ways to coach vocalists, either in performance technique, learning how to record, or providing showcase opportunities for aspiring performers, etc.. First and foremost, Linda brings a commitment to inspire and encourage other singers to grow as performers.

Linda lives in San Francisco with her new husband, 2 dogs, 2 turtles, 3 chickens and thousands of fresh-water fish!

"amazing Bay Area canary brings her skills as an actress to her insightful interpretations." Don Heckman, International Review of Music

"A singer of great ability - conveys romance combined with an earthy heat!" Maxwell Chandler, Jazz Review

"A new female jazz singer who commands one's attention ... a vocal performance which deserves mention" Scott Yanow, LA Jazz Scene

"The best of such artists renowned for their superior ability to act, particularly one as gutsy as Kosut" Christopher Loudon, Jazz Times

ON THE INTERNET

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DISCOGRAPHY

- ∩ **JUNE 2007: "Long As You're Living- the songs & poetry of Oscar Brown Jr."** - www.cdbaby.com/kosut2
Piano/trombone: Max Perkoff; Percussion: Paul van Wageningen; Bass: Tom Shader
- ∩ **JANUARY 2003: "Life is but a dream"** - www.cdbaby.com/kosut
Piano: Barry Lloyd, David Austin; Drums: Bob Blankenship; Bass: Dean Reilly