

Jelena Jovovic

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Formal education:

- *2017-2018 magisterial program in Jazz singing FMU Belgrade (diploma summa cum laude).*
- *1992-1998 University of Arts, Graz (Austria) at Faculty for Music and Dramatic Arts, Diploma summa cum laude, studied jazz vocals with acclaimed Sheila Jordan, Jay Clayton, Mark Murphy and Andy Bey. Workshops in jazz music with Chuck Israels, Barry Harris, Marsalis Brothers, Dave Liebman, Tanya Maria, Bob Brookmayer, to name a few.*
- *1989 -1992 Studies at Faculty of Dramatic Arts at University of Belgrade; Media production – Theatre, Radio, cultural events production.*
- *1987-1989 XIII Gymnasium of Belgrade (Media production)*
- *1985-1987 Mathematical Grammar School (a school with a High National Distinction status), Belgrade*

Performances (short preview):

- *Won the Yugoslav children song contest at the age of 11 “Zlatna Sirena”*
- *Performed with distinguished Blues and Jazz ensembles in Belgrade as a guest vocalist from the age of 16.*
- *1990 wins the special prize for performance on “Mesam festival”.*
- *Since 1996 performs as a jazz vocalist on a regular basis. Performed with renowned jazz musicians such as Chuck Israels, Mark Murphy, Sheila Jordan, Dusko Gojkovic, Fritz Pauer, Johanness Enders, SABC Big Band, Peter Mihelich, Peter Herholtzheimer, Vienna Art Orchestra, Claus Raible, RTS Big Band, Johnny Fourie, Khaya Mahlangu, Bojan Z, Paulo Cardoso, Carlo Mombelli, Bob Mover, Steve Williams, Joe Cohn, Reza Khota, Kesivan Naidoo, Andrew Lilley, Jack van Poll, Oliver Kent, Renato Chicco, Joe Cohn, just to name a few.*
- *1999 concert in prestigious Baxter Hall Cape Town.*
- *2000 one of the featured concerts on Davidoff jazz vocal festival in Cape Town with the acclaimed Johnny Fourie.*
- *2002-2010 appearances with the Big Band RTS, National Broadcasting Net.*
- *2007 Concert with her sextet in prominent Kolarac Concert Hall in Belgrade.*
- *2010-2012 regularly performs in regional jazz clubs.*
- *2013 Directs and co- produces benefit concert for the street children of Belgrade “Svratiste na svirku” with over 40 musicians.*

- *2013-2014 tours with Bob Mover quintet along Joe Cohn and Steve Williams, tours South Africa with Kesivan Naidoo quartet.*
- *2014-2015 European performances with Claus Raible trio and Boptet as a guest vocalist. Tours Sweden with Harold Jafta.*
- *In 2015 Jelena opened Belgrade jazz festival and toured with her septet featuring Claus Raible, Brad Leali and Steve Fishwick.*
- *Her quintet opens Jazzik jazz festival and tours the region.*
- *2016 in Unterfart jazz venue in Munich with her quartet feat Howard Curtis, Claus Raible, Iorgos Antoniu.*
- *In 2016 Performances with Amikam Kimelman 4tet, Oleg Kireyev 5tet, Sinan Alimanovic 4tet, Belgrade Jazz Junction feat. Vasil Hadžimanov.*
- *2017 Performs with Belgrade Jazz Junction in region, tours with Renato Chicco international quintet.*
- *2018 Tours Germany, Netherlands, Sweden with Claus Raible quartet..*
- *Records an album under the title HEARTBEAT.*
- *Heartbeat promotional concert at the Kolarac Hall in Belgrade.*
- *Performs and records with Theodossii Spasov Western Balkan Bend BG.*
- *In 2019 German tour with Oliver Kent Trio.*

Employment:

- *1998- 2000 Lecturer at the College of Music, University of Cape Town, South Africa.*
- *2000-2002 Lecturer at the College of Music, Tehnikon University Pretoria, South Africa.*

- ***From 2002 she is full time lecturer at Music School “ Kornelije Stankovic” in Belgrade.***
- *2005-2006 lectures Music and Drama at International School of Belgrade / mid and high- school/.*
- *2006-2008 is an Art director of the RTS Big Band at Music Production of the Radio television of Serbia.*
- *2007 Danube Odyssey Art project, lecturer, and Belgrade co-producer, endorsed by the City Council of Belgrade.*
- *In 2009 lecturer in jazz music the at Academy of Arts NOVA, Belgrade*
- *2010- 2011 one of the founders and co-producers of AFRAM program of the Museum of African Art in Belgrade, endorsed by the US Embassy in Belgrade.*
- *2013-2017 Lectures vocal technique in LekArt Centre, Belgrade.*
- ***Member of the Jazz Festival Beograd board.***

Clinic, workshops:

- *1997 workshop in jazz singing styles at School of Music, Munich.*
- *1997 vocal clinic at the University Cape Town, South Africa.*
- *2000 Vocal workshops in jazz singing and small ensemble performances, Soweto, South Africa.*
- *2001 lectures in jazz vocal styles and Seth Riggs vocal methodic approach at the at IMVT conference in Johannesburg, South Africa.*
- *2005 vocal jazz styles workshop in Sarajevo as a part of the cultural summer program.*
- *2011 Gives vocal technique semester clinics at the University of Arts in Belgrade at the Drama dept.*

- *2011-2012 workshops in jazz vocal technique and styles at Novi Sad Jazz festival.*
- *2012 workshops at College of Music, University of Cape Town, South Africa.*
- *2013 Jazz Festival in Subotica jazz vocal workshop.*
- *2014 workshops in jazz vocal styles and technique at Music School "Dara Cokorilo", Niksic, Montenegro*
- *2015 workshop in jazz vocal styles in Herceg Novi, Montenegro*
- *2016-2017 frequent workshops in Zagreb Croati*

Discography:

Guest vocalist on "Sa prijateljima" Luka Boskovic PGP RTS 1999

Guest vocalist on "Gathering" Marcus Wyatt 2000 Sheer Sound

Guest vocalist on Bejazzled , SABS 2001

2003-2009 On numerous radio and television recordings with Big Band RTS for their program purposes and archive, as a featured vocalist.

2012 with Bob Mover for French Radio Broadcaster "Live from Sunset/Sunnyside"

2015 Belgrade jazz festival live recording, Radio Television Serbia

2018 Heartbeat, Jelena Jovovic PGPRTS 2018

2018 Concert HEARTBEAT, Jelena Jovovic & Jazz Junction Radio Television Serbia

