

Grace Kelly

“Grace Kelly has an electric charisma on-stage that instantly ignites the room,” says, band leader Jon Batiste. Saxophonist, singer, and composer Grace Kelly plays with the heart and passion of an old soul yet with the genre-bending zest and energy of a 24 year old. Having been a regular on *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert’s* band, Jon Batiste and *Stay Human*, **Grace Kelly** just released her 10th CD *Trying To Figure It Out*, which was voted #2 *Jazz Album of The Year* in 2016 Downbeat Magazine Readers Poll.

She wrote her first song at 7 years old, recorded her first CD at 12, orchestrated and performed her original composition with the Boston Pops Orchestra at 14, and performed at President Obama’s Inauguration at 16. As a bandleader Grace has performed over 700 concerts in over 30 countries in notable venues as the Hollywood Bowl, Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall, Symphony Hall and festivals such as Montreal, Newport, and Montreux. Grace has performed and/or recorded with Harry Connick Jr, Wynton Marsalis, Dave Brubeck, Steve Martin, Tina Fey, Martin Short, Maya Rudolph, Emma Stone, Lin Manuel, Questlove, Esperanza Spalding, Lee Konitz, Phil Woods, Ron Carter, David Sanborn, Marcus Miller, Dianne Reeves, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Huey Lewis and Gloria Estefan to name a few.

Winner of the 64th Annual 2016 Downbeat Magazine Critics Poll as “Rising Star Alto Saxophone”. Grace was also voted #4 Alto saxophonist in 2016 Downbeat Magazine Readers Poll. “Jazz Artist of the Year” 2016 Boston Music Awards, “Alto Saxophonist of the Year” by NYC Jazz Fans Decision 2016.

Grace was also stoked to be invited to join badass 10 piece house band for NBC’s new weekly variety show “Maya & Marty” starring Maya Rudolf & Martin Short produced by Lorne Michaels. She has been featured on Amazon’s Emmy-nominated TV show “Bosch”, CNN.com, Glamour Magazine’s Top Ten College Women 2011, Forbes, Billboard, Huffington Post, and many appearances on NPR. Grace has won multiple ASCAP Composer Awards, Boston Music Awards, and International Songwriting Awards. www.gracekellymusic.com

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