

# DIANNE REEVES

## ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Five-time Grammy winner **DIANNE REEVES** is the world's pre-eminent jazz vocalist. As a result of her virtuosity, improvisational prowess and unique jazz and R&B stylings, Reeves received the Grammy for *Best Jazz Vocal Performance* for three consecutive recordings — a Grammy first in any vocal category.

Reeves has recorded and performed with Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra. She has also recorded with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra conducted by Daniel Barenboim and was a featured soloist with Sir Simon Rattle and the Berlin Philharmonic. Reeves was the first Creative Chair for Jazz for the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the first vocalist to ever perform at the famed Walt Disney Concert Hall.

Reeves worked with legendary producer Arif Mardin (Norah Jones, Aretha Franklin) on the Grammy winning *A Little Moonlight*, an intimate collection of standards featuring her touring trio. When Reeves' holiday collection *Christmas Time is Here* was released, Ben Ratliff of *The New York Times* raved, "Ms. Reeves, a jazz singer of frequently astonishing skill, takes the assignment seriously; this is one of the best jazz Christmas CD's I've heard."

Featured in George Clooney's six-time Academy Award nominated *Good Night, and Good Luck*, Reeves won the *Best Jazz Vocal* Grammy for the film's soundtrack.

In recent years Reeves has toured the world in a variety of contexts including "Sing the Truth," a musical celebration of Nina Simone which also featured Lizz Wright and Angelique Kidjo. She performed at the White House on multiple occasions including President Obama's State Dinner for the President of China as well as the Governors' Ball.

Reeves' most recent release *Beautiful Life*, features Gregory Porter, Robert Glasper, Lalah Hathaway and Esperanza Spalding. Produced by Terri Lyne Carrington, *Beautiful Life* won a Grammy for *Best Jazz Vocal Performance*. Reeves is the recipient of honorary doctorates from Berklee College of Music and the Juilliard School. In 2022, Reeves was the featured vocalist on the soundtrack of *The Woman King* starring Viola Davis. Reeves has been designated a Jazz Master by The National Endowment for the Arts — the highest honor the United States bestows on jazz artists.