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Vocalist, Composer, Producer

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AWARDS / ACCOLADES

- 2021 Grammy® nominated artist
- 2021 Winner - Downbeat Magazine Critic's Poll Rising Star Female Vocalist
- 2021 Winner - Int'l Songwriting Comp
- 2021 Jazz Journalist Association Nominee for Vocalist of the Year
- May 2020 Downbeat Cover Artist
- 2019 Cafe Royal Cultural Foundation Music Grantee
- Runner up 2014 Made in NY Jazz Competition
- Winner 2011 Jazzon Alpe-Adria Int'l Composition Competition
- 2011 PORIN Nominee Best Jazz Composition (Croatian Grammy)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- New School University Faculty (2021-present)
- New York Jazz Academy (2016 - present)
- JMI Summer Jazz Camp - Groznanj, Croatia (2018 - present)
- Mark Murphy's Music - South Orange, NJ (2014 - present)
- Langnau Jazz Workshop (July 2015)
- Frank Sinatra School of the Arts After School Program (2009 - 2010)

ACADEMIC HISTORY

- The New School for Jazz & Contemporary Music
Bachelor of Fine Arts (Jazz) - 2010
- Eugene Lang College / New School University
Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) - 2010

REFERENCES:

Regina Carter
Violinist, Composer
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Donny McCaslin
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Trombonist, Composer, Big Band Director
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PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- 2024 Commission Piece by California State University Northridge
- 2023-Present Artistic Director & Co-Founder Ponta Lopud Jazz Festival
- 2020-2023 Co-Founder & Executive Director non-profit organization Live From Our Living Rooms (raised over \$140k for artists during pandemic)

BAND LEADER DISCOGRAPHY & PROJECTS

• SOLO ALBUMS::

- **ONA** (Self Release - 2020) *2X Grammy® Nominated
- **Ode to Heroes** (Jazz Village/ Harmonia Mundi - 2015)

• CO-LED ALBUMS:

- **SONICA** (OutsideIn Music - 2022)

• **FOUNDING MOTHERS OF JAZZ** - an educational and performance-based project created by Thana Alexa for NY based non-profit MusicTalks Concerts celebrating the history of women composers and performers throughout the history of jazz

SIDE MUSICIAN DISCOGRAPHY

• Antonio Sánchez

- **SHIFT** (Bad Hombre Vol. II) - (Warner Music) - August 2022
- **New Life** (CAM Jazz - 2015)
- **The Meridian Suite** (CAM Jazz - 2015)
- **Lines in the Sand** (CAM Jazz - 2018)

• Nicole Zuraitis

- **How Love Begins** (OutsideIn - 2023) *Grammy Winner Best Jazz Vocal Album
- **Wandering Hearts** (Self Release - 2020)

• Benjamin Koppel - The White Buses (Cowbell Music - 2023)

• Giraldo Piloto & Klimax - Mucho (Codex - 2022)

• Vladimir Samardžić - Catching the Wind (Skc Ns - 2022)

• Purbayan Chatterjee - Abaad (Unbounded) (Sufiscore - 2021)

• Ernesto Cortazar Lara - Within These Walls (Self Release - 2021)

• Rotem Sivan - Far From Shore (Sonder House - 2021)

• Michael Olatuja - Lagos Pepper Soup (Whirlwind Recordings - 2020)

• Max Esquivel - Tulips (Records DK - 2020)

• Christos Rafalides - New Day (MRL Music - 2018)

• Gene Ess & Fractal Attraction

- **Fractal Attraction** (SIMP Records - 2013)
- **Eternal Monomnyth** (SIMP Records - 2015)
- **Absurdist Theater** (SIMP Records - 2016)
- **Apotheosis** (SIMP Records - 2018)

• Matija Dedić - Friends (Dallas Records Croatia - 2011)