



# Rosella Clemmons Washington PROFILE

## Vocalist - Composer - Teacher

A native of Charlotte, North Carolina, Rosella studied classical voice with Robert L. Nay (tenor) of Philadelphia, Louise Parker (contralto) and Klara Meyers (soprano) of Temple University. Although Rosella was trained classically in piano and voice, she was exposed and influenced in many styles of music that include pop, rock & roll, R&B, country gospel and jazz.

Rosella's recordings include collaborations with jazz greats such as Grover Washington, Jr. (no relation), John Blake, Jr., Cecil Bridgewater, Tyrone Brown, Eddie Green, Gloria Galante, Jim Miller and Bill Meek, Jr. Rosella was a recipient of a NEA Jazz Grant that enables her to study jazz piano with the late jazz Philadelphia pianist, Gerald Price.

Ms. Washington has had the honor to open concerts for the following jazz greats: famed trumpeter, Wynton Marsalis, saxophonist, David "Fathead" Newman, saxophonist, Arthur Blythe, drummer, Buddy Rich and his Big Band, New Orleans pianist, Dr. John and Rock & Roller, Brian Seltzer and his Orchestra.

Rosella has performed at some of the most premiere venues in the Philadelphia area, the Kimmel Center (2002 and 2004), the Academy of Music Hall (2001), University of Pennsylvania's Levine Auditorium (2004), the Four Seasons Hotel (five years), the Ritz-Carlton Hotel (eight years), the Striped Bass Restaurant (three years) to name a few.

Currently, Rosella resides with her husband, Mark and son, Mark Isaiah in Glen Mills, PA where she is a private vocal, piano and theory teacher.

### Discography:

Rosella Clemmons Washington, "**Just Peace**" (Debut CD)  
Cadence Jazz Records, Historical Series - 2000  
[www.cadencebuilding.com](http://www.cadencebuilding.com) • email: [cjr@cadencebuilding.com](mailto:cjr@cadencebuilding.com)

Rosella Washington & Tyrone Brown, "**Rosella...a good place to start**"  
CIMP, Creative Improvised Music Projects - 2000  
[www.cadencebuilding.com](http://www.cadencebuilding.com) • email: [cimp@cadencebuilding.com](mailto:cimp@cadencebuilding.com)

Kusangala, "**Kusangala**" Nirvana Music - 1994

"**2001 Inter-Faith Jazz Festival**" 2001, Inter-Faith of Ambler

The Eddie Green Quartet & Strings, "**Shades of Green**" 2004 Dreambox Media  
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