

Martha Lorin

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Friday, September 15, 7 to 11 pm
Martha Lorin Quartet
Honoring Ella Fitzgerald on the Year of Her 100th Birthday



I have decided to change direction and perform a salute to the great Ella Fitzgerald's 100th Birthday. I will share with you one of the most treasured moments in my musical career - recently I went to see my darling friend & voice coach Annette Warren at Feinstein's/54 where she told the story of her career as the voice for non-singing leading ladies in numerous musical movies. My connection with Annette happened when I worked with her husband Paul Smith who was Ella's music director for 17 years during "The Ella Fitzgerald Song Books" - a series of eight studio albums released in irregular intervals between 1956 and 1964. moving on... In 1994 Paul & I were booked on the Colorado Springs Broadmoor Resort Jazz Party. While waiting to go on stage for the final concert at that party, Paul shared with me that Ella was very ill and that world would lose her soon. He asked if I would be interested in recording a duo CD with him as a tribute to the great lady. Of course I said yes. Fortunately he was able to take a copy of our music to her house, where Ella listened to our gift. The CD, "A Celebration of Ella" is long out of print, but can be found online. Through the many years I spent time with Annette & Paul at their house in Redondo Beach, CA and during those times Paul would share stories about the concerts he and Ella performed around the world. Please join LaSpina, Fries, DeFiori & Lorin, as we salute, the great Ella Fitzgerald... One last time. Martha.