

In the Night Album Release from Mary Ann Palermo and Dave Smith

In the Night, released in late 2024 by Averosa Records, presents old Jazz standards and half-forgotten classics reimagined by singer Mary Ann Palermo and five-time Emmy winner Dave Smith on Steinway grand piano. Not only are the performances wonderful, but Smith's audio engineering and production magic of this live-in-studio recording achieves a subtle sonic space that provides heightened listening pleasure.

Palermo's vocals—and her long love and practice in the art of Jazz singing—recreate in brand new ways familiar standards and now-obscure hits. In his piano playing Smith brings his own take to these Jazz selections. Smith also brings his decades of work in audio engineering to this submersive music project, creating recordings where the balance, clarity, and dynamic range of his piano playing is optimized with Palermo's vocals.

In the Night is a collection of eight American Jazz ballads and torch songs carried by Palermo's singing and imbued with exacting control of ranging emotional tone and Smith's piano performances. Both artists' efforts are melded within a distinct sonic environment to carry the pensive and yearning stories of these songs, presenting the listener with mood states that evoke personal wonder and feelings that only great music can offer.

Perfect for the listener's close and meditative attention, *In the Night* is also great for intimate sharing. The album's selections range from the early days of Jazz—including works now in public domain—to the still-ubiquitous jazz standards of today. *In the Night* is a celebration of old-style nightclubs and smoky jazz bars but transformed by the highest production values that support the transcendent experience available in the best music performances captured within a powerfully crafted aural space.

Early Praise for *In the Night*

Gorgeous album! Beautiful arrangements to great songs that we all know and love, and so beautifully easy to listen to. Mary and Dave take me on a peaceful journey and make me wish I could sit with nothing to do and sip a glass of red wine and lose myself in the beautiful vocals and piano playing. It's so great to hear an album like this. It brings much comfort to the chaos of the day.

—Matt Cusson, the Grammy-nominated, multiple award-winning singer, pianist, songwriter, producer, and arranger

In The Night demonstrates that there may be no more intimate nor rewarding a setting for jazz than a vocal-piano duo. In her latest album, Mary Ann Palermo offers gut-wrenching takes on

some of the most beautiful and raw ballads of the Great American Songbook. Whether you first heard these numbers by Billie Holiday or Billy Eckstine, or anyone else, for that matter, Mary Ann and Dave Smith pair up for a stunning and memorable set.

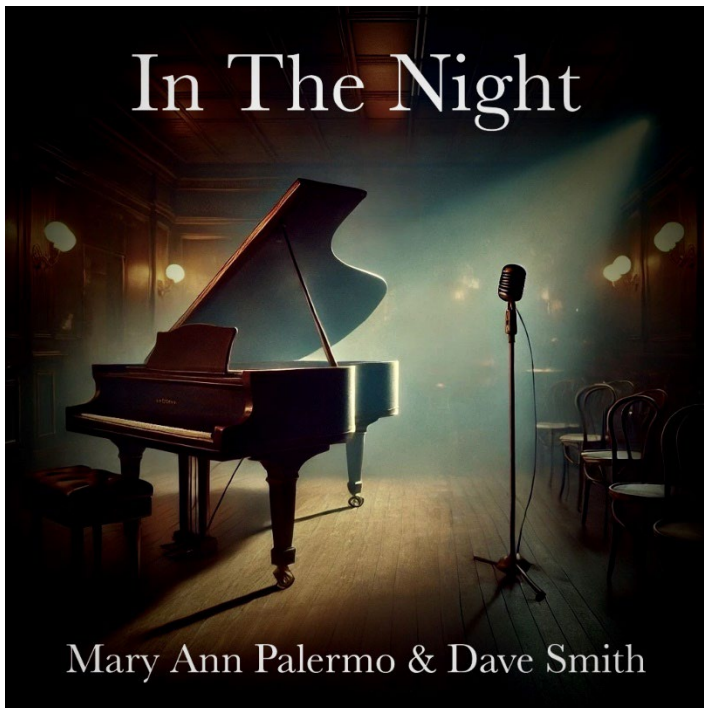
—Edward J. Bride, President, Berkshires Jazz, Inc.

[In the Night is] music for late-night jaunts, the title says it all. Pianist Dave Smith and vocalist Mary Ann Palermo gently, intimately glide through eight familiar standards, with nary a variance in mood or delivery. They speak as one."

—John Ephland, AllAboutJazz.com

I thoroughly enjoyed listening to In The Night. I always enjoy stuff that is sincere and sets a tone or mood [and] on those points this recording succeeds, with vocal jazz and piano jazz for just the right setting.

—Steve Rubin, Founder/Director, Hudson Valley Jazz Festival



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1. After You've Gone
2. I Want To Talk About You
3. Never Let Me Go
4. It Could Happen To You
5. I Cried For You
6. Good Morning Heartache
7. The Nearness Of You
8. When Sunny Gets Blue

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Dave Smith (piano)
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About Mary Ann Palermo

Mary Ann Palermo is an international singer/songwriter who has performed widely across the Berkshires for many years as a multi-genre solo performer and with some of the very best jazz musicians who call the region their home. A musician in her own right, she led Mary Ann Palermo & First Take Band in different configurations and across genres including Jazz, Blues, R&B, Funk, Pop, and Rock, and she continues to work as a musical director and liturgical cantor. She has published many original songs and her body of work is available through major

streaming platforms where cumulated stream totals have surpassed 500,000 and are featured in many of the leading Spotify Playlists.

Palermo's previous album is *Jazz on the Rocks*, released through Averosa Records in November of 2022, a collaboration with producer and musician Tom Teeley that transforms a captivating blend of iconic popular songs into Latin Jazz, Jazz Ballad, Jazz Rock, Jazz Pop, and Jazz Soul. A second recording project with Teeley, a Jazz reimagining of select Beatles songs, is in the mastering stage. She also works with Bob Salmieri, whose Italy-based label, Cultural Bridges, has produced several songs featuring Palermo on vocals and two of these songs include lyrics credits for her, and there's yet more Cultural Bridge songs in development.





About Dave Smith

Whether behind the piano or in the studio, Emmy-winning mixer and jazz pianist Dave Smith crafts rich, expressive soundscapes. With over 30 years at the keys, his deep mastery of Jazz harmony, shaped by years of live performance, blends seamlessly with his refined sonic expertise from mixing for film and television. This unique fusion allows him to support and elevate a singer with taste, sensitivity, and effortless interplay. At the crossroads of Jazz and sound design, Smith doesn't just play music—he builds it, creating the perfect foundation for every vocalist he accompanies.

A Berklee-trained pianist, his nuanced touch and lush textures come to life on a fine piano, serving as both canvas and collaborator. A fixture of the Hudson Valley jazz scene for many years, he has performed at the Hudson Valley Jazz Festival, with The New York Swing Exchange, and as a longtime member of The Skye Jazz Trio.

About Averosa Records

Averosa Records is a Berkshire County-based music label focused on Jazz and Jazz-inflected recordings produced at the highest levels of audio engineering. The label's website is <https://averosarecords.com/>.