

Kat Sherman is a jazz vocalist, composer, arranger, and teaching artist based in Chicago, IL.

As a vocalist, Kat performs regularly in duo settings, with small combos, and with big bands. She has released recordings with jazz bassist Hannah Marks (*Alone Together*) and math rock band Giraffe House (*Folding Chair Fathers*, *Leafy Greens*, *Toxic*, *Passenger*). She is currently composing music for her debut solo album, slated for release in 2024. Kathryn also works regularly as a studio vocalist, recording choral demos and virtual jazz ensemble projects in her home studio. She has won awards as a soloist, including the award for Best Graduate Jazz Voice Soloist from *Downbeat* magazine.

Kat also regularly works as a composer and arranger, creating custom works for her band and for middle, high school, and collegiate groups across the country. In particular, she writes often for SSAA, SAB, and SATB vocal ensembles, and groups under her direction/performing her work have been awarded *Downbeat* Student Music Awards and performed on significant stages, like at the Jazz Education Network conference. Her ever-growing stock arrangement catalog can be found on her website (katsherman.com) and she is also available for commissions.

As an educator, Kat is in demand as an ensemble director, voice teacher, and clinician. She is passionate about building an inclusive learning environment, where she helps all students build a diverse set of skills to prepare them for a wide variety of future career opportunities. Kathryn currently teaches in the Jazz Studies department at DePaul University, offering private jazz voice lessons, directing the DePaul Vocal Jazz Ensemble and a small jazz combo, and teaching several Group Jazz Piano and Jazz Ear Training courses. Previously, she worked as a small ensemble coach at Indiana University and with Bloomington Expressive Arts Training (BEAT) as a staff arranger, vocal director, and member of the BEAT band.

Kathryn holds a MM in Jazz Studies from the University of North Texas and a BM in Jazz Studies from Indiana University.