

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

Performing regularly in duo settings, with small combos, and with big bands, Kat has released recordings with jazz bassist Hannah Marks (Alone Together) and math rock band Giraffe House (Folding Chair Fathers, Leafy Greens, Toxic, Passenger). She has also been a featured vocalist on recordings with the University of North Texas Jazz Singers (directed by Jennifer Barnes), the Two O'Clock Lab Band (directed by Rob Parton), and with independent artists such as Jake Benjamin and Jon Wasserman. She is currently composing and arranging music for her debut album as a bandleader. Kat also works regularly as a studio vocalist, recording choral demos and virtual jazz ensemble projects in her home studio.

With significant experience directing vocal jazz ensembles and contemporary vocal groups, Kat is in demand as an ensemble director, voice teacher, and clinician. She currently teaches in the Jazz Studies department at DePaul University, offering private jazz voice lessons, directing the Downbeat award-winning DePaul Vocal Jazz Ensemble and a small jazz combo, and teaching several Group Jazz Piano and Jazz Ear Training courses. In 2025, she was awarded the Monsignor Kenneth J. Velo Distinguished Professorship, an honor for which she was nominated by her colleagues. Kat 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.