

*“Grace Kelly has an electric charisma on-stage that instantly ignites the room. She is one of the most kind-hearted, easy-going people I’ve had the pleasure of working with.”*

Jon Batiste, the bandleader for The Late Show with Stephen Colbert

Saxophonist, singer, composer, and producer, Grace Kelly plays with the heart and passion of an old soul yet with the genre-bending zest and energy of a 25-year-old. Having been a regular on *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert’s band, Jon Batiste and Stay Human*, Grace Kelly released her 10<sup>th</sup> CD as a leader. The latest album, *Trying To Figure It Out*, was voted #2 Jazz Album of The Year in the 2016 Downbeat Magazine Readers Poll.

In 2016, Grace was also thrilled to join a dynamic 10-piece house band for NBC’s new variety show “Maya & Marty,” starring Maya Rudolph and Martin Short and produced by Lorne Michaels.

Grace also garnered many awards from jazz critics and fans alike. She was the winner of the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual 2016 Downbeat Magazine Critics Poll as “Rising Star Alto Saxophone,” and voted fourth in the Alto Saxophonist category in the 2016 Downbeat Magazine Readers Poll. She also won “Jazz Artist of the Year” in the 2016 Boston Music Awards and “Alto Saxophonist of the Year” by NYC Jazz Fans Decision 2016.

Grace wrote her first song at seven years old, recorded her first CD at 12, orchestrated and performed her original composition with the Boston Pops Orchestra at 14, and performed at President Obama’s Inauguration at 16. As a bandleader she has performed over 800 concerts in over 30 countries in notable venues as the Hollywood Bowl, Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall and Symphony Hall and festivals such as Montreal, Newport and Montreux. Grace has performed and/or recorded with Harry Connick Jr, Wynton Marsalis, Dave Brubeck, Steve Martin, Tina Fey, Martin Short, Maya Rudolph, Emma Stone, Lin Manuel, Questlove, Esperanza Spalding, Lee Konitz, Phil Woods, Ron Carter, David Sanborn, Marcus Miller, Dianne Reeves, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Huey Lewis and Gloria Estefan to name a few.

In recent years, she has been featured on Amazon’s Emmy-nominated TV show “Bosch,” CNN.com, Glamour Magazine, Forbes, Billboard, Vanity Fair, Huffington Post, and in many appearances on NPR. As a songwriter, she has won multiple ASCAP Composer Awards and International Songwriting Awards.

Grace also produced, emceed, and performed in a major All-Star concert at Berklee Performance Center recently, as she established and raised funds for the Fred Taylor Endowed Scholarship Fund at and in partnership with Berklee College. [www.fredtaylorscholarshipfund.org](http://www.fredtaylorscholarshipfund.org)

In efforts to bring jazz to a younger audience as well as to bridge music, cinematography, and her joyful personality, Grace launched a new weekly video series called “Grace Kelly PopUp” on social media (Facebook, Instagram and Youtube) in February 2017, which has already racked up over two million views.



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