



Barbara Lusch Bio

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The Pacific Northwest has been birthplace to many a phenomenon: Nordstrom, Starbucks, Moonstruck Chocolate and Nike, to name just a few. Now, we can add the luminous talent of Barbara Lusch.

A Tiny Star Begins to Twinkle

It's a rainy Sunday afternoon, and a tiny girl sits at her grandmother's knee, hearing tales of life as a female vocalist in the twenties. The grandmother is Alice Werren, one of the four Werren Sisters whose vocal harmonies could be heard at the world-famous Orpheum Theatre, and on 78's in the twenties and thirties. The little girl was Barbara Lusch and the clear, melodious voice that harmonized with her grandmother's possessed a remarkable tone quality that is still with her today.

Portland, Oregon

The Barbara Lusch story begins and continues in Portland, Oregon with many a musical adventure in between. She learned to love the jazz standards from her grandmother, and grew up singing with her sisters. As a student of music and performing arts in New York and Los Angeles for over a decade, Barbara gained experience and national exposure in network television series, daytime soaps, sitcoms, films and commercials, as well as in the theater.

Back in Portland, her solo career was preceded by a stint as vocalist with a popular Latin band which appeared with the Oregon Symphony Pops and in venues like Portland's historic Crystal Ballroom.

Barbara went solo in 2002, and now her career finds her performing throughout the Pacific Northwest, with regular engagements at local, high-profile clubs, like the world-renown Jimmy Mak's. Recent credits include Portland's Cathedral Park Jazz Festival, the Portland Jazz Festival, and Astoria's Historic Liberty Theater

Her first CD, *Barbara Lusch*, released in 2004, received enthusiastic press and radio airplay both nationally and abroad. The recent release of Barbara's second CD, *Surprisingly Good For You*, met with equal enthusiasm from fans and industry insiders. In the words of one reviewer, she is "a first-class vocalist at the top of her game."

The Woman Behind The Voice

Barbara Lusch is much more than the playful, intimate voice taking us back in time. As bandleader, she hires musicians who will compliment her interpretations of the vintage pop music she performs. As producer, she looks for a particular balance of favorite standards and less well-known numbers – adding her unique musical style and storytelling flair. It's a combination that leaves her audience wanting more.