



## The Velvet Sirens

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### A Big Surprise in a Small Package!

**The Velvet Sirens** are an eclectic Cabaret Jazz and Bohemian Torch Swing Duo offering a modern spin on the Great American Songbook and influential artists of the great Jazz and Swing era. The music of Billie Holiday, Louis Armstrong, Peggy Lee, George Gershwin, among others are all presented with visual and acoustic originality, charisma, and flamboyance.

In addition, **The Velvet Sirens** weave their own original music throughout their performances that is both reminiscent and complimentary to the popular songs of the past, while making a claim on the future of the musical standard.

Working together for over ten years as professional musicians, the couple have made an impact on the sophisticated Jazz and Swing scene. **Jesse Chandler**, a life long vocalist, handles lyrical stylizations which have now become her trademark as well as her well-known percussion technique. **Michael Kaplan** rounds out their unique sound coaxing lush and complex tones from the Jazz Baritone Ukulele. As Bill Cohen, correspondent for National Public Radio, commented, *"The Velvet Sirens are so unique...The music is jazzy and it swings. The Standards and the style that Jesse sings them in...Michael's ukulele performance, it all comes together really nicely. Simply put, The Velvet Sirens are so uncool, they're cool!"* **The Velvet Sirens** are primed to entertain their audiences and offer a new and sophisticated experience. An innovative modern musical performance that includes authentic, sparse, haunting beauty, juxtaposed with high-spirited, humorous storytelling and fun-loving excitement!

Performance has taken the duo all over the United States, including the *Strange Folk Festival* in St. Louis, *Mad Donna's* in Nashville, and *TEDX* in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, the prestigious *Franklin Conservatory Holiday Extravaganza*, and *CD 102.5 Big Room "Swank" Jazz and Swing Anniversary Event* in Columbus, Ohio.

As headliners, a few of the musicians that **The Velvet Sirens** have had the honor of sharing the stage with are Mean Mary James at the *Central Ohio Folk Festival*, Bing Futch and Lil' Rev at the *Mid-West Uke Fest*, Peter Ecklund at *Elkins College Jazz and Swing Showcase* in West Virginia, and the Zydeco Kings at the *Wooster Ohio Jazz Fest*.

They have performed at venues from large outdoor festivals to intimate theater stages including weddings, private parties, resorts, community events, holiday events, fundraisers and silent auctions, libraries, churches and universities, making an impact on the Jazz and Swing scene along the way like nothing an audience has ever seen or heard!

While our promotional video can only give a flavor of the experience, viewing it gives a sense of the sophisticated musical storytelling and excitement that **The Velvet Sirens** bring to each performance and are able to share with their audiences.

**The Velvet Sirens** welcome the opportunity to captivate your crowd and leave everyone wanting more!

Musical storytelling at its best...