

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Helen Welch Career Highlights

- ☒ 1990-1996: Helen's professional career gets off to a running start when she stars in a string of popular musicals including *Hello Dolly!*, *Barnum*, *42nd Street*, *Oliver Twist*, *Calamity Jane*, *Show Boat*, and *Carousel*.
- ☒ 1996: After beating-out over 800 vocalists in a singing competition, Helen joins the Broadway cast of the smash-hit Leiber and Stoller musical *Smokey Joe's Café* at the **Virginia Theater, New York**.
- ☒ 1997-2003: Helen sings with some of Britain's leading orchestras including the BBC Big Band, Opus One and Glen Miller Europe.
- ☒ 2002-2003: Helen tours England with celebrated British singer Gary Williams and legendary BBC radio announcer David Jacobs in *Legend of Sinatra*, a musical tribute.
- ☒ July 2003: After auditioning for **Nighttown** (one of *Down Beat Magazine's* 100 Best Jazz Clubs in the world), Helen is offered a Saturday-night residency. Helen continues to perform at Nighttown having been there for five years.
- ☒ November 2003: Helen makes her debut performance with the Cleveland Pops Orchestra at **Cleveland's Playhouse Square Center**, one of the country's largest, most-respected performing arts centers.
- ☒ December 2004: Release of *Nice n' Welch*, a CD featuring Helen Welch and popular British jazz group, the Nice Trio.
- ☒ 2005: Helen produces and performs the ongoing pre-show at Akron, Ohio's **Carousel Dinner Theatre**, one of the area's premiere venues.
- ☒ September 2005: Helen wrote, produced and starred in *Fever*, a salute to legendary female vocalists of the past 50 years including Ella Fitzgerald, Peggy Lee, Aretha Franklin, Bette Midler, Sarah Vaughn, Etta James and more.
- ☒ 2006: Helen writes, produces, directs and stars in a series of four shows under the umbrella title of *Magical Nights: Swingin' on Broadway, Movie Magic, Fever II* and *Jingle Bell Swing*.
- ☒ November 2006: Release of Helen's debut solo CD *One Dream* which features her quartet and the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra. Helen received personal permission from Rosemary Riddle of the Nelson Riddle Estate to use the original arrangement of *Zing! Went The Strings of My Heart* on the CD. The release was celebrated with a concert and party at the legendary Cleveland Playhouse.

- ☒ December 2006: **The Playhouse Square Center** debut of *Jingle Bell Swing* receives enthusiastic audience reception. Written, produced, directed by and starring Helen, the show features an 11-piece band and the 40-member Walsh Jesuit show choir.
- ☒ March 2007: Helen performs at the **Packard Music Hall** with Steinway artist Joe Augustine.
- ☒ April 2007: Debut at world-renowned **Severance Hall** with the Cleveland Pops Orchestra and the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra, in a concert entitled *Side by Side*.
- ☒ May 2007: Helen and her quartet debuts their new show in the **Cleveland Playhouse Fusion Festival**. Entitled *A Little Bit Different*, the show combines Helen's original material with that of some of favorite influences including Karen Carpenter, Ella Fitzgerald and more.
- ☒ June 2007: Helen and her trio perform her cabaret for the Great Lakes Theatre Festival at the **Allen Theater in Cleveland's Playhouse Square**.
- ☒ July 2007: **Columbus, Ohio** performance debut--- first with her quartet, and then in the Columbus Jazz Orchestra Summer Series on August 17th.
- ☒ July 2007: **Blossom Music Festival debut**. Helen performed a Gershwin programme with the Blossom Festival Orchestra and conductor Loras Schissel.
- ☒ August 2007: Helen's debut concert with the Columbus Jazz Orchestra.
- ☒ Nov 2007: Helen headlines with the Kent State Orchestra at the **Kent Stage** theatre.
- ☒ Nov 2007: **Akron Civic Theatre** debut with the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra.
- ☒ Dec 7, 8, & 9, 2007: Helen performs *Jingle Bell Swing* at the **Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center at Mercyhurst College in Erie, PA**.
- ☒ Dec 2007: *Jingle Bell Swing* returns to **Playhouse Square Center's Palace Theatre** and debuts at the **Akron Civic Theatre**
- ☒ Feb 14, 2008: Helen debuts at **The Stocker Arts Center** in Elyria with her Valentine Cabaret entitled, 'The Look of Love'.
- ☒ May 10, 2008: Helen returns to Columbus, Ohio with her trio for a performance to benefit 'Art For Life'.
- ☒ July 6, 2008: Helen's debut concert with the **Akron Symphony Orchestra** at Lock 3 Live.
- ☒ July 2008: Helen performs at the **Chautauqua Amphitheatre**, New York State with the Dave Stevens Big Band.

- ☒ August: Helen joins the Bemus Pops Symphony on the floating stage at **Bemus Point**.
- ☒ Oct 15th 2008: Helen debuts at the **Southern Theatre Columbus** in a 6 night show entitled 'the Roaring 20's' with the Columbus Jazz orchestra.
- ☒ Dec 2008: Jingle Bell Swing returns for seven performances including The **Warner Theatre**, Erie PA, the **Akron Civic Theatre** and the **Struthers Library Theatre** in Warren PA.
- ☒ Jan 2009: Helen is named as a finalist in the Singers category in the **Cleveland Music awards 2009**.
- ☒ Feb 2009: Helen returns to **Stocker Arts Center**, Elyria Ohio for two performances of her show 'Divas!' celebrating the first ladies of song.
- ☒ Feb 27th 2009: Helen headlines at **Lakeland Jazz Festival** with her quartet and special guest Jack Schantz.
- ☒ April 5th 2009: Helen debuts with the Packard Concert Band at the **Packard Music Hall** in Warren Ohio.
- ☒ July 12 2009: Helen debuts with the Buffalo Symphony Orchestra and Musical Director Arie Lipsky.
- ☒ August 2009: Helen and her quartet perform the show 'Divas!' at the Guy C Myers Memorial Band Shell in Ashland Ohio.