

Jocelyn B. Smith: A Life of Music, Impact, and Legacy

Born in New York in 1960, Jocelyn B. Smith is a classically trained vocalist whose career spans decades of extraordinary achievements. With over 3,000 concerts to her name, she has performed alongside musical legends such as Till Brönner, Thomas Quasthoff, Heiner Goebbels, and Mikis Theodorakis. Her artistry and versatility have been showcased in her extensive discography, with over 20 CDs released under her own label, Blondell Music.

Jocelyn's voice has resonated on some of the world's most significant stages and moments. In 2001, she performed a moving rendition of "Amazing Grace" for 200,000 people at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin during the September 11 memorial. She also lent her voice to the German synchronized title song of Disney's *The Lion King*. In 2016, she sang for the victims of the Christmas Attack in Berlin, offering solace through her music.

Her contributions extend far beyond the stage. Jocelyn has initiated numerous social projects and serves as an ambassador for various charitable organizations. In 2021, she directed workshops for Berlin schools based on her concept, *Songs of Substance*, supported by the Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung. In 2022, she collaborated with the organization BATUTA to teach young people online across 10 regions of Colombia.

Jocelyn's impact has been recognized with numerous prestigious honors. In 2018, she was awarded the Federal Cross of Merit by German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier. In 2020, she received the Order of Merit from Berlin's Mayor Michael Müller. In January 2023, she was honored with the Beethoven Prize for Human Rights, Poverty Reduction, and Diversity. Most recently, in 2024, she was awarded the Sri Chinmoy Culture/Torch Bearer Award, joining the ranks of luminaries such as Nelson Mandela, Carl Lewis, Mother Teresa, Bobby McFerrin, and Mikhail Gorbachev.

Through her music, teaching, and advocacy, Jocelyn B. Smith continues to inspire unity, empathy, and transformation, leaving an indelible mark on the world.

Jocelyn's Call to Conscious Artists-Vocal Warriors

In a world that feels increasingly disconnected, Jocelyn is calling on conscious artists to rise as architects of change, for unity, empathy, and transformation. Music still has the power to illuminate, elevate purpose, and inspire future generations to come..

Why It Matters

Let's face it: we've all been craving connection. Jocelyn's music has always been about more than just sound—it's about soul. With poignant lyrics like, "We're all looking at the same stars / between me and you there is no difference." No matter our differences, we're all part of the same human family.

The Bigger Picture

Jocelyn's lifelong mission is to use music as a force for good. From her transformative workshops to her work with youth in Colombia, and her upcoming October 18th event, "Many Voices – A Day of Singing, Connecting, and Celebration," Jocelyn's work is all about fostering connection and breaking down barriers.

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