

Vivian Lee

BIOGRAPHY

Jazz vocalist and recording artist Vivian Lee was in the U.S. Air Force from 1973-1993, living and working all around the world from Thailand (1975) to Germany (1978-1985) as well as military bases in the United States. While in the Air Force she raised two daughters, most of that as a single parent. After retiring from the military she continued to work in her chosen field – Surgery Technician in area hospitals and also teaching others to be technicians at a local vocational school. While doing this she began to build her career as a jazz musician, forming her band in 1998. She specializes in the standards – **Gershwin, Ellington, Berlin, Mercer, Jobim**, and the like, with a little **Brubeck, Gillespie** and **Monk** thrown in. Her main venues have been the cabaret/supper clubs and nightclubs such as **Dimitri's Lounge, Piatti, Headhunters, Harlow's, and JB's Lounge** in Sacramento, **Tsakopoulos Galleria**, and **Three Stages Theater** in Folsom. She has also been a mainstay at the **Sacramento Music Festival**.

As a recording artist she has released three CDs - her 2000 debut CD, "**Scarlett**", 2002 release, "**Where is Love**", and 2004 "**Have You Met Miss Lee?**" all of which have made the rounds of national public radio jazz stations. She recently released her 4th CD – "**From Miss Lee To You**",

From 2003-2014 Miss Lee was the hostess and promoter, booking bands and running

a local Sunday Jazz Club series at **JB's Lounge** (The Clarion Inn) that featured the area's finest jazz musicians as well as regional and national touring jazz groups passing through Sacramento. She recently formed Scarlett Productions LLC to continue her promotion of jazz concerts featuring local and national groups in venues around the area.

As for her talents as a vocalist, Vivian has been taking audiences on a musical journey for the last 18 years. Her mesmerizing stage presence and warm inviting voice draws the listener into the stories she tells with the lyrics. Assembling a top notch group of musicians to play with her that includes Joe Gilman/Aaron Garner or Brenden Lowe on piano, Buca Necak, Rob Lemas or Paul Klempau on bass and Jeff Minniweather on drums, this group swings hard, makes your hips want to cha cha and can bring a tear to your eye with a ballad.

Ms Lee has three times (**2005, 2006, 2007**) been voted one of Sacramento's top jazz groups and top local entertainer by subscribers in Sacramento Magazine's annual "Best Of Sacramento issue and is the **2009** Sacramento Magazine editor's pick as Best Jazz Diva.

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