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Nationally recognized cabaret/jazz singer Cory Jamison is one of the leading young cabaret artists in America. Her interpretations of the American popular songbook have captivated audiences coast to coast in venues ranging from New York's Town Hall in the east, to the Chicago Jazz Festival in the midwest, and to The Plush Room and the Cinegrill in the west. According to The Chicago Tribune, "Here is a triple-threat performer whose obvious musicianship, interpretive savvy, and lovely lyric instrument cannot help but disarm an audience."

Her second CD, "Kenton's Cool School: The Music of June Christy, Chris Connor, and Anita O'Day", produced on her new label C Jam Records, was released in November 2008. With this recording, Jamison brings together an eclectic blend of songs all performed and recorded by the three pivotal Stan Kenton vocalists. This diverse collection celebrates the musical legacies of these three jazz musicians and in adding her own distinct interpretation to each tune, Jamison brings their artistry to a new generation.

Jamison emerged on the national scene with her critically acclaimed centennial tribute to the composer Hoagy Carmichael and her debut CD "Here's to Hoagy" which became the top selling CD of 2000 on the LML Music label. The Chicago Tribune's annual CD review ranked it 4th out of the year's Top Ten Jazz Releases claiming, "If the centennial of Hoagy Carmichael is going to inspire just one new recording, then this release deserves to be it." After headlining the Bloomington Pops Carmichael Celebration with Randy Carmichael, the Bloomington Herald raved, "Cory Jamison managed to transform the large-scoped Auditorium into an intimate cabaret. Here, indeed, is a true cabaret talent, a la Barbara Cook".

Building on her success with the Hoagy Carmichael material, she expanded her popular following with tributes to Johnny Mercer, Cole Porter, Noel Coward, The Women of Tin Pan Alley, Richard Rodgers, and contemporary

composers like Joni Mitchell and David Wilcox. She is also a regularly featured vocalist in the prestigious Chicago Humanities Festival and Mabel Mercer Foundation's Cabaret Conventions in New York, Chicago, and San Francisco and performs often with the cabaret legend Julie Wilson.

In addition to performing, Jamison often brings her material to the educational stage. She is an historian of American popular music and is passionate about educating young musicians and students about America's unique musical heritage. She currently tours with her "musical lectures" to high schools and college campuses throughout the country.

Cory Jamison is a graduate of Indiana University and a Eugene O'Neill Cabaret Symposium fellow. She is also a certified Music Together teacher.