

TAEKO

Jazz Vocalist

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"Definitely one heck of a jazz singer"

- Edward Blanco, Jazz Critic

"Her performance is a euphoric escape for all"

- Karl Stober, Jazz Critic

"Taeko is one of the best of her generation."

- Juanita Fleming, Jazz & Gospel Singer/Actress

Private Studies with:

Juanita Fleming – Gospel and Jazz Singer, Actress, Voice Trainer

Marion Cowings - Jazz Singer, Lyricist, Actor, the first disciple of Jon Hendricks

Barry Harris - Legendary Jazz Pianist, Jazz Educator

Footsteps:

Born and raised in Japan, Taeko came to New York City in 1998 to expand her singing career and discovered the world of Jazz. Her intense jazz study, coupled with a naturally appealing voice and unique musical ideas, have earned her performances in some of New York City's best known jazz clubs, including **Blue Note, Minton's Playhouse, Kitano, Zinc Bar, and St. Nick's Pub** and an honor to be the finalist in **2008 Jazz Mobile Vocal Competition**. Taeko conducts entire country tour to Japan every year.

Taeko was featured in the **Women in Jazz Festival (NY)** in April 2009 which also featured the legendary Annie Ross. Taeko headlined at **Pork Pie Hat Jazz Concert Series (CT)** in November 2008, the historical **Hartford Jazz Society's Monday Night Jazz Concert Series (CT)** in July 2009, and **Newburgh Jazz Series (NY)** in August 2009.

Taeko's recent CD "**ONE LOVE**" (2007/Flat Nine Records) introduces the young star and is one of the best vocal albums in recent years. *"Taeko has remarkable range and vocal command, able to manipulate normal notes into tapestries of sound. She tempers deep soulfulness reminiscent of **Anita Baker** with sophisticated scattling a la **Ella Fitzgerald**. The combination is a treat and never feels forced,"* wrote a jazz critic Jordan Richardson.

