

## **Patrice Monahan** **Jazz Vocalist, Pianist, Tap Dancer & Educator**

Boston's very own Patrice Monahan, a passionate and soulful artist, nationally known for her artistic versatility. As we listen to Monahan's swinging bluesy jazz vocals we want to learn more....

Patrice's passion for the performing arts started at a young age realizing "the joy of going to this special place where you are so connected to your music, your audience has no choice but to come along for the ride."

Monahan's love of tap originated at an early age. As a teenager her father's friend would play his Count Basie records, and Patrice would jitterbug with delight! "That was it! My love for jazz was born." Early influences were Duke Ellington, Stan Kenton Orchestra, Anita O'Day and Ella Fitzgerald.

Patrice spent time living in NYC studying all genres of dance, and auditioning any chance she could from Bob Fosse to a Cyd Charisse review. Guided and encouraged by many mentors "Be true to your self. Follow your dreams." Seizing any opportunity for growth, Patrice did it all. Her interest in jazz singing increased.

In 2001 to further her jazz vocal and piano studies, Patrice enrolled in the continuing education certificate program at the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston. Patrice completed her certificate May 2010. It was there she met wonderful musicians that would become great collaborators and friends. Her influences broadening: McCoy Tyner, Horace Silver, Bill Evans, Thelonius Monk, Gene Harris, Jane Clayton and Peggy Lee.

She moved on recording with talented jazz pianist Eyran Katsenelenbogen and Patrice's first CD "Going Places" was born. A collaboration of voice and piano, where they express their musical range that embodies a wonderful genuine swinging energy. In 2007 Patrice produced a concert and invited some of her favorite musicians to join her for this dynamic *Evening of Energy*. "Shufflin' Time" was created. The band is Swing, Latin, Funky with a Touch of Blues and Tap Dance as a form of percussion. It features pleasing arrangements of jazz standards and original tunes - honest pure sound with an emotional edge. For more information on Patrice, please visit [www.myspace.com/patricemonahan](http://www.myspace.com/patricemonahan) and [www.patricemonahan.com](http://www.patricemonahan.com) where her love of music and swing is evident

*This is one versatile woman that is indeed "Going Places".*