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ABOUT

ISABELLA MENDES

Isabella Mendes is a singer-songwriter, pianist, composer and educator whose work is rooted in Brazilian jazz and bossa nova.

Born in São Paulo, Brazil where she began her training as a classical pianist at age six, Mendes also composed her own music and participated in various competitions, concerts and master classes until the age of fifteen when she moved to the United States and began jazz and vocal studies while attending the Educational Center for the Arts in New Haven, CT. She continues to write and compose music – her album “Blame Destiny” was released in 2015 - and has developed her own unique sound informed by not only her classical training but also her jazz, bossa nova, Brazilian, and pop influences.

Mendes is also the founder and leader of The Bossa Nova Project - a group of rotating musicians that she performs with regularly throughout CT and NY – as well as the founder of IMMUSIC, a private music studio where she teaches private voice and piano lessons to children and adults as well as develops workshops that she has brought to schools and other community organizations. The school is based in Hamden, CT where Mendes has been recognized as a “Hamden Notable” for excellence in music.

Mendes, one of New Haven and Hartford County's top Brazilian and Jazz entertainers, has earned an impressive list of accomplishments well beyond her years.

Her personal and professional goals include collaborating and connecting with a diverse group of performers and musicians, advocating for women in the arts, and bringing people together through their mutual love of creating and sharing music.

She has studied with renowned artists in her industry including Grammy Winner pianist Fabio Torres, Emmy Winner vocalist Michal Towber and Award-winning jazz vocalist Alexis Cole.

In addition to music, Isabella is also an engineer and entrepreneur. In addition to IMMUSIC, she founded IMSTEAM Education, an organization that promotes the importance of the arts in STEM fields. In 2020 she created a free initiative: “Meet an Engineer” series – where she interviewed different types of engineers to talk about the importance of STEAM activities at the elementary education level.