

Valerie Rogers Extended Entertainment Bio



International Performer: Working with the USO and Department of Defense Overseas Entertainment Office, Valerie Rogers has performed for tens of thousands of military troupes and their families in 10 different countries including Iceland, Holland, , Turkey, Italy, Greece and Scotland. Performance highlights include “The World’s Fair” in Seville Spain; “Olympics” in Barcelona, Spain. Traveled exclusively with a 5-woman show called “The Liberty Misses.” The Liberty Miss Team solely produced, choreographed and musically directed over a dozen medleys to include music of all genres such as: Diana Ross and the Supremes; Country; 50’s and 60’s, Pop/Rap/Contemporary; Armed Forces; and Classic Rock and Roll.

National Performer: Val Rogers continued her performing in the States with extensive shows in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Virginia and New York City for Veterans and active Military on bases and US Aircraft Carriers throughout Connecticut and New York. Performance highlights include: “New York City Fleet Week”, “USO Woman of the Year, Barbara Bush” performance at the Waldorf Hotel in NYC.

Theatre Performer: Val has performed in dozens of productions in comedy, plays and musicals throughout her entertainment career. Performance highlights include: *Little Shop of Horrors* (Chrystal, one of the do-op divas); *Guys and Dolls* (Sargent Sara Brown); *Fiddler on the Roof* (Hodel); *What the Senator Saw*; *Brigadoon* (Meg); *Nunsense* (Sister Mary Amnesia); *Original Performances: Scandal at the Speakeasy*; *Looks Who’s Coming to Dinner*; *The Sunshine Boys* (Vaudeville Nurse) and *the Odd Couple* (Cecily Pigeon).





Vocal Experience: Valerie studied classical soprano voice at the University of Connecticut where she studied under the direction of renowned professor Dr. Donald Pyle. She also studied piano while at UConn with Dr. Ken Clark. She has performed at numerous wedding ceremonies as a soloist. She was selected to participate in the All Eastern Seaboard Chorus which only chose two sopranos in the State of CT for a special classical performance of Poulenc’s “Gloria” in Pennsylvania. During high school she participated in musical theatre as well as All State and All New England choruses. She has sung the National Anthem at countless athletic venues and special Veteran events through New England and New York.



Featured Vocalist for Big Band Swing: Val Rogers has been the featured vocalist for top Big Bands in the Connecticut region. Performing all over New England and New York she has entertained thousands of people. She is the primary singer with the Dick Campo Big Band 16-piece orchestra and the Dick Campo 9-piece Band. Performance highlights include:

- Worcester Academy, 175th Anniversary Gala at Mechanics Hall, Tribute to Cole Porter
- Singing with Ben Vereen for the Connecticut Children’s Hospital Story Book Gala, Hartford Marriot, CT
- Singing with the Four Tops at Harkness Park, New London, CT
- Marine Corps Leatherneck Ball, New York City
- Bartlett Arboretum & Gardens 40th Anniversary Gala at the Hyatt Regency - Greenwich, CT
- Several featured performances with International legend Bill Watrous–Voted best Trombonist, “Jazz Magazine”
- Cancer Center, Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, New London, CT
- New Haven, CT Symphony Gala, Yale University
- WFSB-TV, Channel 3, “Better Connecticut”-TV Show
- Lake Waramaug Country Club, New Preston, CT
- “World Presidents Organization”, Belmont Country Club, Belmont, MA
- Sample of Outdoor Summer Concerts in the Park



Performances:

Agawam, MA; Bloomfield; Ellington; Fairfield; Glastonbury; Groton; Guilford; Lexington, MA; Manchester Band Shell; New Britain; New Hartford; New London; Norwalk; Norwich; Oxford; Shelton; Southington; Storrs; Willimantic; Willington, Windsor Locks; and Woodstock.



Co-Owner of Red Satin Band –Val teamed up with long-time friend, Frank Pappalardo in 2010 to create a top-quality 12-piece band. They hand-selected seasoned professional musicians from around the state. Their goal is two-fold:

- 1) Quality entertainment with
- 2) Professional expectations

There are thousands of bands out there - what makes Red Satin unique is the rare ability for the musicians to relate and engage the audience to the music. The audience won't just "hear" Red Satin play Louis Armstrong's "Wonderful World" - they will "*feel*" it.



Producer and Performer of Cabaret Performances

Val has produced two specialty shows capitalizing on her unique ability to know and entertain her audiences. Selecting music that engages the audience to dance while capitalizing on her team of outstanding musicians, Val's formula of Cabaret simply works.

“Drinks on Me” brings the audience on the true cabaret experience in an intimate setting. Performing music that has inspired her career; from Broadway to Billy Joel to the American standard song book.

“Beyond the Sea” takes dock at the ports of jazz, swing pop with a special military tribute. This show is inspired by Val's days with the USO.



Education:

Master of Public Administration (MPA), University of Connecticut, 2001
Bachelor of Arts, Communication Sciences, University of Connecticut, 1993

Quotes:

“A true performer! She’s able to think quickly on her feet to adjust to any situation!” – Mike R., Wedding Cape Cod

“Val Rogers was outstanding! Not only can she sing, but she interacted with the audience on such a natural level that truly made the evening special!” – Sandra L. Southington, CT



“... Wow...and the vocalist, Val Rogers, what a treasure! She was remarkably true to the sound of Doris Day and Helen Ward. I was blown away... It made me feel like I was there again in the Big Band Swing time.”

-Ed Larkin, Marine Corps Leatherneck, New York

“...it was great the way the vocalist was able to include the kids in the music for our special event. She got them involved and that made everyone smile.” - Stephanie B, Newington, CT, Parks Concert



"I absolutely Loved the show. Val Rogers and her Trio “plus” were beyond what you expect to see and hear as she presented her new show "Beyond the Sea" at the quaint Chestnut Street Theater in Norwich. It was the first time I saw this remarkable show that respects and pays homage to the USA and the Armed Forces in a Cabaret full of fun in true to Cabaret sensual bantering in a humorous way. Val Rogers’ amazing voice and musicians take you on a journey of

time with a USO, Bob Hopish flare. Her voice will blow you away !!!!!!! Stay Tuned as the show must go on at a venue near you !"

-Rich Tortorigi, Madison, CT

“ ...We saw Sunshine Boys today at the Windham Theatre Guild. It rivaled, if not surpassed the performance we saw at Connecticut Repertory Theatre a few years ago. Dan was great, Valerie was over the top fantastic and the other cast members were fabulous as well....., I was delighted to see you giving it your all in your happy place, the stage...”

- Bruce John, Musician and Active Performer