**MJ TERRITO**

**VOCALIST; TEACHING ARTIST; MUSIC EDUCATOR**

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**RECENT EXPERIENCE**

2015 – Present, *Teaching Artist, Lifetime Arts,* New Rochelle, NY

Spring 2016: Designed and presented *Singing and Swinging: Adventures in Jazz, Blues, and Improvisation*, a program for adults 55+, Harrison Public Library, Harrison, NY

2014 – Present, *Hoff Barthelson School of Music,* Scarsdale, NY

Designed and presented vocal jazz workshops for high school and adult singing students

2010 – Present, *Teaching Artist, ArtsWestchester*, White Plains, NY

Conducted residencies in Music and Movement in schools and community settings throughout Westchester County

Designed and presented *Music and Math for First Grade, A Study in Meter and Pattern,* Grimes Elementary School, Mt. Vernon, NY (in conjunction with ArtsWestchester/Mt. Vernon School District AEMDD grant); PS 22, Yonkers NY; Longfellow Elementary School, Mt. Vernon, NY

**TEACHING ARTIST CONTINUING EDUCATION**

March 2016: Creative Center Training Institute, New York NY

Training for teaching artists working with older adults, both able-bodied and with physical, mental and/or memory challenges

October 2014: Artists as Educators Seminar, Purchase, NY Center for the Performing Arts: Curriculum of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Arts to enhance teaching artists’ ability to work within The Common Core

**JAZZ VOCALIST AND MUSIC EDUCATOR**

2010 – Present, Private Music Instruction for adults in jazz repertoire, styles, and improvisation

2010 – Present

* Founder and manager of *Ladies Day Jazz Ensemble*, a group of women musicians dedicated to performing the compositions of classic and contemporary jazz women
* Perform at jazz venues with the *MJ Territo Quartet*. Repertoire includes original compositions and collaborations
* Produced and released independent CDs: *Ladies Day (2016); Down With Love (2010)*

**PRIOR EXPERIENCE**

1994 - 2013 Registered Music Together® Teacher

Taught early childhood music and movement curriculum in family settings and preschools, specializing in teaching at preschools (e.g., Head Start), serving at-risk families and children with special needs

2005 – 2010 Outreach Coordinator, Music Together, LLC, Princeton NJ

* Identified and developed opportunities for Music Together professionals to provide music and movement education to educationally and economically deprived families; families with special needs; at-risk families; older adults; and other special populations
* Coordinated, funded, and promoted early childhood music education programs for these populations
* Led participatory workshops for ten to 200 attendees (music educators, early childhood educators, educational administrators) at national, state, and local educational conferences, such as: *National Head Start Association; Zero to Three National Training Institute***;** *New York Prevent Child Abuse Conference: National Conference on Family Literacy; NAEYC; Generations United*

1994-2005, Director, Rhythm & Song, LLC, Yonkers NY

* Licensed provider of Music Together classes for children birth through 5 years at 8 locations in Westchester County NY
* Provided on-site music and movement instruction for Head Start classrooms in White Plains NY, and integrated largely Spanish-speaking Head Start families into parent/child classes at the Music Conservatory of Westchester
* Presented workshops in early childhood music development and methods for Head Start teachers
* Supervised staff of registered Music Together teachers

1989-1994, Full-Time Parent, Territo/Fursland Household, Yonkers NY

**WRITING/PERFORMING**

1973-1989, Writer/Editor, Self-employed, New York NY

* Collaborated on non-fiction books in the popular psychology/health field
* Published 20+ novels in the romance genre
* Edited fiction and non-fiction books

1972-1980, Actress/Singer, Self-employed, New York NY

* Performed in Off-Broadway and regional venues in musical comedy and dramatic productions
* Performed in nightclubs and cabarets as soloist and group vocalist

**EDUCATION**

Music Together®, LLC Registered Teacher Early Childhood Music Education

New York Dalcroze School Music Education/Musicianship

Private Studies in jazz and improvisation

University of Pennsylvania BA American Civilization (cum laude with honors)