

# Kathy Wade

**KATHY WADE**, regional **EMMY®**- award winning Executive Producer, **#1Jazz** and **Blues Vocalist** on **MP3.com**; **#1 MP3.com Jazz Vocal Time To Say Good-bye** featured on Sci-Fi network's **First Wave** sound track and featured in **Essence Magazine**, (*Teaching With Music*).

A seasoned entertainer, Kathy's performance years began over 40 years ago, through competition and solo recital performances. After graduation from Withrow High School, she completed her Bachelor of Arts at Xavier University/Edgecliff College with a degree in Sociology. While continuing her performance career, Kathy completed her Master of Arts in Arts Administration from the College-Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati.

Kathy tours throughout the **United States, Canada, Europe** and **Caribbean** and worked with **LensCrafters Give the Gift of Sight International Program, Tunisia, North Africa**. Kathy's recordings include **"You Got the Magic"**, **"J Curve Cincinnati Jazz Collection, Vol. II"**, **"The Next Noel"**, and upcoming release **"Kathy Wade"** and single **"Someone's In Love"**. The video counterpart to **"Someone's In Love"** has received an **EMMY®**, a **TELLY**, three **International Films and Television Awards** and featured in **"Cincinnati - The Movie"**.

Kathy opened for the legendary **Eartha Kitt, Dionne Warwick, Dame Cleo Laine, Shirley Horn, Nancy Wilson, Diane Schuur, Anita Baker, Alex Bugnon, Kenny G, Whitney Houston, David Sanborn, George Benson, Al Jarreau, Frankie Beverly and Maze, Will Downing** and **Ramsey Lewis**. Kathy debuted with the **Cincinnati Pops Orchestra**, July 2021, guest performer with the **Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra** with former conductor **Keith Lockhart** and the **Kentucky Symphony Orchestra**, won rave reviews for her work in **Ain't Misbehavin'**, the 60's review, **Beehive; Crowns** at Tony recipient Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park; **Crowns** at the Repertory Theater of St. Louis; **Suessical, Jr.**, upcoming **The Wiz, Jr.** with the Children's Theater of Cincinnati and guest performer in the national tour of **The Vagina Monologues**.

Kathy's vast entertainment experience led to co-founding in 1992 along with her late husband, Dan Jenkins, Learning Through Art, Inc. (LTA), a 501(c)(3) non-profit performing arts educational organization. LTA provides quality performing arts programs in support of arts integrated education, literacy, community development and engagement encouraging multi-cultural awareness and understanding. LTA is the presenting organization for the **Kids, Cultures, Critters and Crafts Festival; Crown Jewels of Jazz®, Arts Over ACEs® Center** and the regional **Emmy®** and national award-winning, **Books Alive! For Kids®**. LTA's Mosaic Edutainment programs include **Black Anthology of Music, Rhythms...Common Bonds, The High School 'Hood Is Bigger Than You Think® Tour** and **Textural Rhythms: Hear the Touch**. LTA presents programs to over 1.1 million participants throughout the country.

Kathy, an author, (*Building People: Social-Emotional Learning for Kids, Families, Schools and Communities, 2018*), is the recipient of the **2020 Urban League of Greater Southwest Ohio Lion, 4C Champion for Children, 2019 People's Liberty Grant, Medical Mutual Pillar Awards for Community Service Non-Profit Executive of the Year; Cincinnati Human Relations Commission Connecting Communities and Culture Award; Cincinnati USA Convention and Visitor's Bureau Wendell P. Dabney Diversity Award; Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) President's Award; CAA Bridge Builder Award; Emmanuel Triumph Award; United Way of Cincinnati Joseph A. Hall Diversity Award; Inspire Magazine's Inspiring Women; Leadership Cincinnati Distinguished Alumni; City Beat CEA Best Jazz Artist; College-Conservatory of Music William Lawless Jones Jazz Award; Cincinnati Enquirer Woman of the Year; YWCA Career Woman of Achievement, Leading Woman in the Arts; and the prestigious Scripps-Corbett Award.**

The most effective work Kathy quietly contributes to improving the cultural and artistic mosaic throughout the Greater Cincinnati community is her volunteer work with several boards and organizations. Voted **"the sixth most influential person in the arts"** by **City Beat**, Kathy is currently serving on the Board of Trustees at Xavier University, University of Cincinnati CCMpower and Friends of Music Hall. Kathy is a Kentucky Colonel; a member of Leadership Cincinnati, Class XXI; Past President, Cincinnati (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated; Junior League of Cincinnati and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Kathy has served on the National Executive and Central Area Executive Boards of The Links, Incorporated among other civic and artistic boards.

Kathy, the mother of an adult daughter, firmly believes the artist must give back what they have taken out of the community. By building resilient communities through art, Kathy works hard to give back today.