

# Jazz Beyond Borders

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## **West Coast Vocalist Debora Galan Brings Award Winning Songs To East Coast Jazz Fans**

Following her smash success at Blues Alley last summer, California's Debora Galán returns to the East Coast with amazing vocals on originals and beloved songs reflecting her Spanish/Cuban heritage, sung in English, Portuguese and Spanish.

Her recordings and live concerts bring the slow burn and endless rhythmic possibilities of Latin jazz into the realm of contemporary jazz with pleasing results. The *San Diego Troubadour* says, "With a powerful voice and soul in spades, Debora Galán is a true talent," while *Jazz Quarterly* cites her "passion, style, charm and equally energetic and delicate tones."

This is her third outing to the area where she began her singing career, singing in salsa clubs and Latin jazz venues. On this tour, she'll perform tunes from her groundbreaking CD, *All About Love*, and feature the compelling new tune, "Hispanica," written in collaboration with Virginia based Christian de Mesones, and unveiled last summer to a wildly cheering audience in Washington, D.C.

Based in San Diego, Debora Galan spent her early childhood in Madrid, where her mother and grandfather sang flamenco at huge family gatherings. She was educated in Washington, D.C. and became a widely acculturated teen, listening to singers from Streisand to Sade. After two decades as an R&B, jazz, praise, and pop singer, Galan jumped out of the box with her 2016 album, *All About Love* working with Emmy winning, GRAMMY nominated producer and multi-instrumentalist Allan Phillips. It was her first as bandleader and primary composer.

Critics have long praised Galan's stirring vocal renditions and the rich and rhythmic arrangements framing them. About her last recording, David Barron of KSDS 88.3 FM said, "Love it! Will be playing it often" and Jay Michaels of Magic 92.5 FM lauded her "beautiful angelic voice."

These days, her compositions are also being noticed. In August the singer/songwriter won Three Global Music Awards for "Through the Eyes of a Child," taking Silver Medals in Ballad, Lyrics/Songwriter and Female Vocalist categories. (See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i6sulHIXYnM> and listen to "Arms of Love" from *All About Love* at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3flbBE3-jQ>. Those pieces and "Hispanica" will be

featured on this tour. Music lovers will hear an arrangement of “Somewhere Over the Rainbow,” with delicate syncopation inspired by Melody Gardot’s rendition, and the Sergio Mendes/Brazil 66 classic “Mas Que Nada.” Featuring Brazilian, Spanish and American musicians, her band will do justice to audience favorite “Somos Novios.” Recorded in English by Perry Como and Frank Sinatra as “It’s Impossible,” Galan still finds herself explaining the song’s Hispanic origins to American listeners. The bolero was written and recorded by Armando Manzanero in 1968 for the album *Su Piano y Su Orquesta*. (See Galan’s popular “Take Five” interview on All About Jazz for the rest of the story: <https://www.allaboutjazz.com/take-five-with-debora-galan-by-debora-galan.php?page=1>)

Band musicians for most dates include Baltimore pianist Harry Appelman. The rhythm section features Brazilian seven-string bassist Leonardo Lucini, and Washington, D.C. percussionist Julian Berkowitz. Special guests for this run include Maryland bassist Cyndy Elliott and New York based pianist Todd Simon appearing at An die Musik Live in Baltimore on November 8. Virginia percussionist Curtis McCain joins the group at Mr. Henry’s in Washington, D.C. on November 15.

Sample album tracks on <http://www.deboragalan.com>. See Tour Dates below. For more tour information visit <http://www.jazzbeyondborders.com>

**Friday, November 8 – An die Musik Live!**

409 N Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21201

Shows 8 & 9:30 PM

<https://andiemusiklive.com/events/>

**November 9 – Ginger Cove Community Concert**

4000 River Crescent Dr, Annapolis, MD 21401

Show: 7:30 PM

<https://www.gingercove.com/contact-us/>

**Nov 10 – Jazz at the Mezz**

Café Mezzanotte

760 Ritchie Hwy, Severna Park, MD 21146

Show & Dinner 5 – 7 PM

<https://www.cafemezzanotte.com/>

**November 15 – Mr. Henry’s**

601 Pennsylvania Ave SE, Washington, DC 20003

Show: 8-11 PM

<https://www.mrhenrydc.com/calendar/>

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