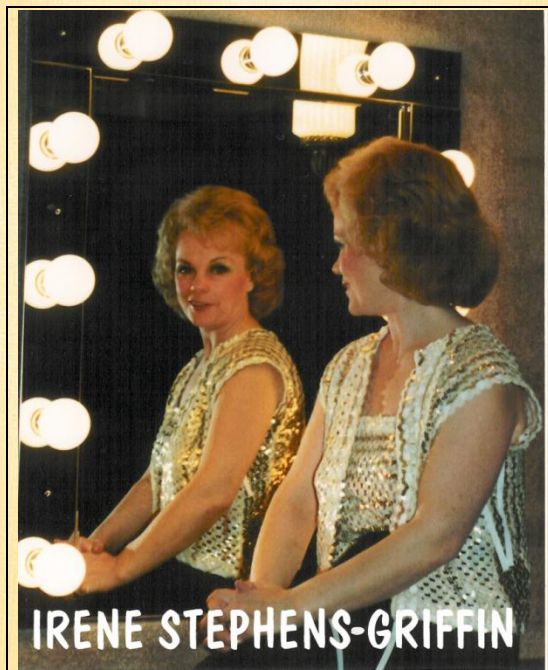


IRENE STEPHENS

“Simply Charming”



Irene Stephens-Griffin hails from Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire, in the United Kingdom. Irene has a vocal range and style that allows her to move easily between classical, popular and jazz music styles. Her career as a soloist in theaters and night clubs throughout The United Kingdom and The United States has given her an international flair that her audiences find commanding, intriguing and simply charming. Irene's versatility has allowed her to cross oceans (both literally and figuratively) while playing leading roles in Gilbert and Sullivan operettas as well as dramatic leads in operas. As if that wasn't enough, she then crosses the gulf to jazz and popular styles by virtue of the fact that Irene's father in law was none other than [Chris Griffin](#), the lead trumpet player with Benny Goodman, with Harry James and Ziggy Elman sitting on either side. He was also the high trumpet heard on the theme to the Jackie Gleason Show.

While still in Great Britain, Irene was seen on The BBC by Fred Waring who immediately contacted her and invited her to tour North America with his famous "Pennsylvanians." There, she met her soon to become husband, [Paul Griffin](#). (A trumpet player and musical arranger for the Waring organization.) When the eight-month tour ended, Irene returned to England and Paul was soon to follow. They were married, and Irene continued her musical career, while Paul played trumpet for The BBC and Thames Television, and with such great British performers as Matt Monro, and many others.

Paul missed his homeland, and so they returned to The United States and Irene has since performed her one-woman show in such venues as: Caesar's Palace, Trump Plaza, (an encore performance for "The Donald" and select friends) The Detroit Athletic Club, and with The River City Brass Band. (A fifty piece brass ensemble with featured musicians from the Pittsburgh Symphony.) Irene has performed at all of the major resort hotels in The Catskill and Pocono Mountains, and has been featured at many of the condo and century villages around the country.

Irene's most recent recording, "[Shades](#)" is a CD featuring several songs and stylings from as far afield as Sarah Brightman, Rod Stewart, and Josh Groban. Her featured album "[Favorite Things](#)" is a composite of the many styles which Irene performs in her night club show. Irene and Paul have also recorded a [Christmas album](#) featuring themselves as an Acappella Vocal Ensemble, A Gospel Choir, and Solo Performers in the classical, commercial, and jazz genres.

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Irene brings a comfort level to the stage and to her audiences that is captivating and memorable.