

CHRISTINE ELISE OCCHINO

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Talent Resume

VOCAL EXPERIENCE

Education

**Berklee College of Music c/o 2011 • Voice Principal (on talent-based scholarship)
BM in Music Business & Management – Entrepreneurial Track • Boston, MA**

Professional Affiliations: ASCAP Songwriting & Publishing. The Recording Academy, NY Chapter.

Training

- Extensive study in vocal technique and performance at Berklee with renown professional vocalists and professors: *Gabrielle Goodman, Jeff Ramsey, Janice Pendarvis, Larry Watson, Jan Shapiro, Ken Zambello, Kudison Kai, David Scott, Caroline Leonhardt-Escoffery*
- Tone and R&B honing: *Vaneese Thomas*
- Performance Skills: *Richard "Cookie" Thomas*
- Technique, Theory & Sightreading: *Jonathan Curri*
- Technique, Theory, Classical Training & Repertoire Building: *Katie Kaplan*
- Choral and Solo Vocal Development: *Deanna Molnar, Erin Kelly and Arden Brokavich*

Work Experience

5/10-Present • Session Vocalist • MA, CT, NY

Proficient in all styles but specializing in pop, R&B, and contemporary country music. Comfortable working under pressure and learn music quickly. Experienced in demo vocals, commercial, jingle and voiceover work as well. (Please contact for rates and sample works.)

2008 to present • Band Manager • MA, CT

Coordinate musicians and rehearsals, solicit gigs, develop promotions, manage finances.

Recordings

5/10-Present • Singer and Songwriter, Self-Titled Original EP (set for release 2011) • Fastlane Music Group & Dann J Productions • Boston, MA

R&B/Pop focused original songs featuring collaborations with producers and songwriters. Lead vocal lines, back-up vocals, and contributions to vocal arranging.

6/10-8/10 • Singer & Co-Writer, Original House Music Singles • DJ Alkan • Boston, MA

House/techno music singles produced and engineered by DJ Alkan for club promotions and retail sale. Some co-writing and vocal arranging.

1/10-4/10 • Singer & Songwriter, "Merry Krismas" Mixtape • MoonTravelers/DJ Swift • Boston, MA

Hip-Hop originals with featured rapper KrisJin. Songwriting and some vocal arranging. Musical guidance by Grammy Award winning producer, engineer and artist Prince Charles Alexander (Mary J. Blige, Notorious B.I.G., Puff Daddy, Usher, Boyz II Men, Brandy, Babyface, Sting, Aretha Franklin).

7/06-7/09 • Singer, Demo Covers • For Self-Promotion & Web • Stamford, CT

Cover songs recorded at Carriage House Studios engineered by Johnny Montagnese (Beyonce, Diana Ross) and Hi Top Productions under the vocal direction of Richard "Cookie" Thomas and engineered by Steve Hansen.

6/06 • Singer & Co-Writer, "Top Model" Single • Original Song f/ Tahmell Griffin & Chris Delmore • Stamford, CT and New York, NY

Hip-Hop original collaboration recorded under the direction of famous rapper Rakim with Ra Records. Writer for all choruses and vocal arrangement.

7/04 • Singer, "Wrong Way" Single • Jeremy Goldsmith • New York, NY

Original rock song written/arranged by Jeremy Goldsmith, recorded at Skyelab Recording Studios in NYC.

Credits/Awards

9/04-7/07 • Singer & Soloist, Chamber Singers & Concert Choir • Westhill HS • Stamford, CT & NY

5/05-5/07 • Vocalist, First Place & Best Singer • Westhill HS Talent Competition • Stamford, CT

11/05-6/07 • *National Anthem Singer for Highschool Sporting Events* • Westhill HS • Stamford, CT
 1/05-8/07 • *National Anthem Singer for the Bridgeport Bluefish Baseball & Sound Tigers Hockey Team* • Harbor Yard Field & Arena • Bridgeport, CT
 3/05-3/07 • *Singer, "Senator's Cabaret" Child Abuse Fundraiser* • Toquet Hall Teen Center • Westport, CT
 5/05-5/07 • *Singer, First Place Winner & Best Singer* • Westhill HS Talent Competition • Stamford, CT
 3/06 • *Featured Singer, Young Artists Philharmonic Benefit Concert* • United Housewrecking • Stamford, CT
 4/06 • *Featured Singer, The Cookie Thomas Jazz Band* • The Silvermine Inn • Norwalk, CT
 5/06 • *First Place Winner, "Show Out Talent Competition"* • Boys & Girls Club • Stamford, CT
 2/05 • *First Place Winner, "Talent Show & Theatre Olympics"* • Westhill HS • Stamford, CT
 7/05 • *Talent Competition First Place Winner* • Norwegian Cruise Lines • New York, NY
 3/03 • *Selected Singer, Western Regionals* • Fairfield University • Fairfield, CT
 5/03 • *Singer & Soloist, "Disney Magic Music Days"* • Disney World • Orlando, FL

Performances

10/10 • *Headliner, "Closing Weekend of Harper's Ferry"* (Boston's 40-year old iconic Harpers Ferry Nightclub) "Internationals Do It Better" Halloween Party, performing pop and R&B music with a live band • Harper's Ferry Nightclub • Boston, MA
 8/10 • *Headliner with Live Band, "Internationals Do It Better: Glow Party"* • DJ Alkan at Harper's Ferry Nightclub • Boston, MA
 6/10 • *Headliner, Christine Occhino at the Long Ridge Tavern* • The Long Ridge Tavern • Stamford, CT
 5/10 • *Headliner, "Internationals Do It Better"* • DJ Alkan at Harper's Ferry Nightclub • Boston, MA
 12/09 • *Lead Singer, New Years Eve Party at Zody's 19th Hole* • Zody's 19th Hole • Stamford, CT
 6/07-Present • *Lead Singer, "Jazz Killed the Kat"* • Stamford, CT • 5-piece jazz, R&B and dance music band

Past Performance Venues:

Stamford, CT: The Long Ridge Tavern, Zody's 19th Hole, Bistro 122, Zody's Café, Sabatiello's, Westhill HS, The Bartlett Arboretum, United Housewrecking, The Boys & Girls Club, Café Bria, Ridgeway Shopping Center, Turn of River MS
Norwalk, CT: The Silvermine Tavern
Westport, CT: Toquet Hall
Bridgeport, CT: Harbor Year Field & Arena
Boston, MA: Harper's Ferry, Berklee College of Music
Orlando, FL: Disney World
International: Greece- Dog's Nightclub

DANCE EXPERIENCE

Training

- Studios: Stamford, CT: *Stamford Performing Arts Center, Latin Moves, Connecticut Ballet, Roxbury Dance Academy, Center Stage, STEPS*. Boston, MA: *Jeanette Neill Dance Studio, Healthworks*
- Notable Teachers/Choreographers: *Jimmy Locust* (Michael Jackson, Janet Jackson, Paula Abdul, Reebok), *Darren Henson* (N*SYNC, Britney Spears, Backstreet Boys), *Kelly Peters* (MTV, ESPN, The Fugees, Carly Simon)
- 16 years experience in hip-hop, jazz, ballet, tap and Zumba dance

Performances

6/06-6/07 • *Hip Hop Dancer • Stamford Performing Arts Center Recital* • Darien HS • Darien, CT
 12/06 • *Featured Hip Hop Dancer • Channel 12-TV Gwen Edwards' "Our Lives", Jimmy Locust Interview* • Norwalk, CT
 11/06 • *Parade Route Dancer • SPAC Thanksgiving Day Parade Spectacular* • Stamford, CT
 10/06 • *Hip Hop Dancer • "No Hate But Harmony" Dance Troupe* • Local Venues • Fairfield County, CT
 2/06 • *Hip Hop Dancer • "Spirit of New Orleans"* • Fundraiser for Hurricane Katrina victims • Rich Forum • Stamford, CT
 10/05-10/06 • *Hip Hop Dancer • Westhill HS Dance Troupe* • Westhill HS • Stamford, CT
 9/05-7/06 • *Hip Hop Dancer • "Dance Factor" Dance Troupe* • Latin Moves • Stamford, CT

11/05 • Choreographer & Lead Dancer, The Arts Academy "FAME" Performance • Westhill HS • Stamford, CT
6/05 • Hip Hop Dancer • CT Ballet Recital • SUNY Purchase • Purchase, NY
7/04 • Featured Hip Hop Dancer • "Stamford Achieves" Summer Arts Festival • Stamford, CT
6/04 • Jazz & Ballet Dancer • Roxbury Dance Academy Recital • The Rich Forum • Stamford, CT
7/00-8/03 • Jazz & Tap Dancer • Creative Summer Recital • The Mead School • Stamford, CT
6/01-6/02 • Jazz Dancer • Center Stage Recital • The Palace Theatre • Stamford, CT
6/92-6/01 • Jazz, Tap & Ballet Dancer • STEPS Recital • The Palace Theatre • Stamford, CT

ACTING EXPERIENCE

Training

- Studies in comedy/improvisation, monologues, plays, movie-making, character and scene study, directing, blocking, choreography, and playwriting
- Educated at the WHS Arts Academy, Acting Workshop classes and Mead School "Creative Summer" instruction
- 8 years experience in theatre, movies, commercials and live performances

Experience

'07 • Club Girl Extra, "Righteous Kill" Feature Film (Directed by Martin Scorsese, starring Al Pacino, Robert DeNiro and Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson) • Bridgeport, CT
'07 • Passenger, "HART" Commercial • CT Dept. of Transportation • Norwalk, CT
'06 • Juliet, "Romeo & Juliet" Play • Westhill HS Northstars • Stamford, CT
'06 • Juliet, "Goodnight Desdemona, Good Morning Juliet" Play • CT Drama Assoc. • Stamford, CT
'05 • Passenger, "WHEELS" Instructional Video • CT Dept. of Transportation • Norwalk, CT
'05 • Angel/Lead Dancer, "Anything Goes" Musical • Westhill HS Northstars • Stamford, CT
'04 • Family/Lead Dancer, "Evita" Musical • Westhill HS Northstars • Stamford, CT
'03 • Lead Narrator, "Pippin" Musical • Creative Summer • Stamford, CT
'03 • Frenchy, "Grease" Musical • Turn of River MS Drama Club • Stamford, CT
'02 • David/John/Judas, "Godspell" Musical • Creative Summer • Stamford, CT
'02 • Mayor, "The Wizard of Oz" Musical • Turn of River MS Drama Club • Stamford, CT
'01 • Pirate King, "Pirates of Penzance" Musical • Creative Summer • Stamford, CT
'01 • Sister/Wife, "Fiddler on the Roof" Musical • Turn of River MS Drama Club • Stamford, CT
'00 • Wife/Lead Dancer, "Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat" Musical • Creative Summer • Stamford, CT
'97 • Model for Print Campaign "ExpressWay Drive Thru Lube Centers" • Norwalk, CT

Other Skills

Fitness, Martial Arts, Kickboxing, Gymnastics, Figure Skating, Belly Dancing, Dance, Guitar, Violin, Volleyball, some Spanish, fluent in various accents.