

# Neil Bridge Music

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[Neil Bridge 7+ CD "Yes, I Am Still Here"](#)

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[Neil Bridge 7+ with Karen Lee City Park Jazz Concert 2013 "A Father's Day Tribute to Neil Bridge"](#)



## "Neil Bridge 7+"

Piano, bass, drums, congas, sax, trumpet, trombone, and Neil's Wife Karen Lee on vocals. Perfect for a Jazz Festival!

## "El Puente Grande Con Siete"

Piano, bass, drums, congas, sax, trumpet, trombone, and "La Senora Puente" on vocals. This band can cover Latin Jazz to excite and move an audience to dance, shake it, and just have a great time! This band tore it up at the Crestone Music Festival.

## "Neil Bridge 7+ Wedding Band"

Piano, bass, drums, congas, sax, trumpet, trombone, and Neil's Wife Karen Lee on vocals. Perfect for weddings private parties, corporate parties, fund raisers, and special events.

## "Neil Bridge Jazz Trio"

Neil Bridge on piano, Kevin Smith on drums and Adolph Mares on bass is a great choice for festivals, small clubs, private parties, patio parties, weddings, corporate parties, fund raisers, and special events!

## "Neil Bridge Jazz Trio with Karen Lee"

Neil Bridge on piano, Kevin Smith on drums, Adolph Mares on bass featuring Karen Lee on vocals is a great choice for festivals, small clubs, private parties, patio parties, weddings, corporate parties, fund raisers, and special events!

## "Neil Bridge and Karen Lee"

Do beautiful songs with meaningful lyrics appeal to you? If so, you will enjoy our presentation of selections from the Great American & Latin American song book.

# Neil Bridge



Denver is home to legendary Jazz piano player, composer, arranger, and band leader, Neil Bridge. Neil, a New England Conservatory Graduate, taught music in Denver Public Schools for 28 years. In 1978, he formed the first citywide high school jazz combo. This talented combo was recognized by Downbeat magazine as being the best high school jazz combo in the country.

Many of Neil's former students went on to have successful careers in the entertainment business, such as actor Don Cheadle, jazz musician Nelson Rangell, saxophonist Javon Jackson, Latin percussionist Gary Sosias, Brad Leali (Sax, Clarinet and Flute) and pianist David Pearl, among many others.

Neil Bridge has been honored by the Denver School of the Arts with the dedication of the Neil Bridge Jazz Room in May, 2008. He was a pianist with the Denver Symphony and performed with Henry

Mancini, Richard Hayman, Steve Allen, Rich Little and Nelson Riddle. Neil Bridge is a classic American Jazz Musician. He has accompanied Mel Torme. Anita O'Day, Nancy Wilson, Dakota Staton, Johnny Smith, The Mills Brothers, Clark Terry, Sonny Stitt, and many more. He has written over 200 musical arrangements for Neil Bridge 7+ and ElPuente Grande Con Siete.

**Education:**

B/M in Music Education - New England Conservatory of Music

M/N in Music Education - University of Colorado

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## Karen Lee



In 1992, Karen married Neil Bridge. For years Karen provided monthly dances to the Denver community. She would teach a dance class to warm up the dancers, offer punch and hors d' oeuvres, and then live music for dancing featuring the “Neil Bridge Quintet.” Her dreams came true that she was finally able to fulfill her lifetime wishes of singing professionally, especially songs from “The Great American Songbook”, with great arrangements by her husband. Karen explains, “I have been enrolled in the “N.B.A.O.M.”, for 21 glorious years. It's the “Neil Bridge Academy Of Music!” Check out her performance at the [City Park Jazz Festival 2013](#).

She also teaches Wedding couples, social ballroom dance, salsa, swing and Latin Dance.

Visit [www.karenleedance.com](http://www.karenleedance.com) to find out more about personalized dance lessons. She was the top female teacher at the United States Ballroom Dance Championships in the mid-80s. Then she and her professional partner went on to become the 1987 United States International Five Dance Latin Champions (Rising Star Category).

To share her love and knowledge of ballroom dancing, she created her nonprofit organization Karen Lee Dance Theatre, which has provided free ballroom dance classes to hundreds of inner-city youth since 1998.

For this work Karen received a Channel 7 Every Day Hero Award. She has also trained Olympic Ice Dancers in Colorado Springs.

Karen is so happy and honored to be the featured vocalist for Neil Bridge Music.

## Performance Venues

Arvada Center Jazz Fest, Pace (Parker Arts and Cultural Center), Crestone Music Festival, Longmont Jazz Festival, Five Points Jazz Festival, The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra at the Glenn Miller Festival, The Gift of Jazz “Blind Tiger Series”, The Denver Jazz Club, Pikes Peak Jazz and Swing Society, Augustana Arts Concert Series, Littleton Jazz Festival,

Dazzle Restaurant and Lounge, “*One of the World's 100 Great Jazz Clubs*” – Downbeat Magazine”

KUVO Jazz Public Radio 89.3 FM “Phyllis A. Greer Performance Studio”

Nissi's A gathering place for live music, special events, great food and drinks in Lafayette

The Bistro at Aspen Grove, Mercury Cafe, The Little Bear Saloon, The Bull and Bush Restaurant, Lannies Clocktower Cabaret, St. Julien Hotel and Spa,

American Vernacular Dance at the Avalon Ballroom presented by Jim Borzým

Big Band Boogie Bash for the Colorado Conservatory for the Jazz Arts, The Arc (Dez Rubano and Lori Ropa) with and the Anthology of Jazz II, Heritage Square 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Windsor Gardens

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