

BIOGRAPHY

Latvian-born vocalist, composer and arranger Arta Jēkabsone infuses her jazz with Baltic soul and an unshakable sense of storytelling. Seamlessly blending Latvian folk melodies with contemporary jazz expression, she crafts music that is both intimate and daring. Her voice radiates warmth, clarity, and fearless emotional depth.

Jēkabsone is the winner of the prestigious Montreux Shure Jazz Voice Competition and has placed among the top three in several other prestigious international competitions, including the Sarah Vaughan International Jazz Voice Competition. Her acclaimed debut album Light brims with intimacy, warmth, and crystal-clear focus.

She is a recipient of the Jazz Gallery Residency Commission Grant, the 2023 Latvian Music Award for New Artist of the Year, and a 2025 NYFA Fellowship. Recent highlights include an honorable mention from the Herb Alpert Young Jazz Composer Awards and a residency at The Church in Sag Harbor.

Currently, she is preparing two new albums: Dziesmu Kamolinš (Fall 2025) and Impressions of an Era (Spring 2025).

Jēkabsone's performances invite audiences into a sonic space where heritage, innovation, and emotion converge, elevating jazz with a distinctly Baltic warmth and spirit.

ARTA JĒKABSONE

VOCALIST, COMPOSER & ARRANGER

Arta Jēkabsone is a voice that will soothe any pain or suffering. She is the guardian and ambassador of light, love, and peace. Yet, she still can bedazzle you with complex, but not overwhelming lines and melodies, and she freely takes command of harmony and rhythm.

/Composer and pianist Edgars Cīrulis/

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PERFORMANCE VIDEOS LINKS:

*Meet Me at the Time of My Bloom and Rise (Large Ensemble)

*Eyes Wide Open (Quartet)

*Mornings (Quintet) Live from Montreux Jazz Festival

*No One Can Stem the Tide (Chamber Jazz)

*By The Stars Intervention (Duo with Aaron Parks)

*Tumša Nakte, Zala Zāle (Solo)

*Impressions of an Era (Bigband)

*Upes Dziesma (Latvian National Opera)

*Reflections (Latvian Radio Live Concert)