

# MARY LOUISE KNUTSON

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## shortest biography

Jazz pianist-composer, Mary Louise Knutson (k'NOOT-sen), has been called "one of the most exciting artists to happen to jazz piano in quite some time." Her warm, inviting tone, broad range of emotional expression, and distinctive compositions have brought her much recognition on the national music scene. From 2010-2018, Knutson toured with trumpeter Doc Severinsen, former bandleader for the Tonight Show starring Johnny Carson. In 2006, Knutson was a Minnesota Music Awards nominee for both Jazz Artist of the Year and Pianist of the Year. And, in 2005, she was a Finalist in the Kennedy Center's International "Women in Jazz" Pianist Competition. Her latest jazz trio CD, *In the Bubble*, charted in JazzWeek's Top 10 and stayed in the Top 50 for 19 weeks. In the Twin Cities, you'll find her performing with her group, the Mary Louise Knutson Trio, at clubs, festivals, concert halls, and private events, as well as with vocalists Connie Evingson and Patty Peterson and with a variety of instrumental groups including the JazzMN Orchestra and the Minnesota Orchestra.