

Kara Cavanaugh, known for her many years touring the country with Terrapin Flyer, Melvin Seals and members of the Grateful Dead, is thrilled to introduce you to a side of her yet unseen in New York playing eclectic sets with her own band: KCB (Kara Cavanaugh Band).

Growing up in Pittsburgh, PA, Kara primarily studied classical voice, jazz, and musical theater. She attended Baldwin Wallace Conservatory Of Music for a degree in music theater, then shortly after, moved to Chicago where she went in a different direction as she started touring with Grateful Dead Tribute Band: Terrapin Flyer that included Tom Constanten (Grateful Dead 1968-70), Bob Bralove (Grateful Dead sound technician 1986-95), Melvin Seals (JGB 1980-95), and Mark Karan (Ratdog 1998-2013).

Alongside singing with Terrapin Flyer, Kara pursued a solo career as a singer-songwriter. Her debut album: "Ain't Gonna Run" was released in 2018 produced by Packy Lundholm (Theo Katzman, I Fight Dragons) and Dan Moulder (Tom Schraeder & His Ego). Her album is a diverse collection that features her musical influences ranging from Laurel Canyon folk, powerful piano ballads, sultry R&B, and cinematic soundscapes.

Following that, in 2021 she released her single: "If You See Him: Featuring D2G" produced again by Packy Lundholm. An R&B song that shows off her vocal control with a memorable hook.

She performed her music around the Chicago area from 2012-2021 and simultaneously toured the country with Terrapin Flyer, as well as performing with other Chicago bands such as Mr. Blotto, Great Moments In Vinyl, Family Groove Company with Jennifer Hartswick (Trey Anastasio Band, Herbie Hancock, Tom Petty), amongst others.

In 2021, Kara moved to California and lived in the Bay Area. She sang in an original funk and R&B band: Object Heavy, original jam band: Brightshine, and Grateful Dead Tribute Band: Pete Sawyer And The Left Hand Monkey Wrench Gang. She also performed jazz shows with Eric Levy (Nightranger 2011-present).

After two years, Kara moved to New York and sings in a variety of Grateful Dead cover bands such as: Shakedown Citi, Busy's Dead Collective, High Time, and others. She also sings in a classic rock cover band: Dave Kopec Band in the northwest area of New Jersey.

Since moving to New York, Kara has performed at notable venues such as the Iridium, Brooklyn Bowl, LPR (Le Poisson Rouge), Garcia's, and more.

Recently, Kara has been singing at Sunny's Bar in Red Hook, Brooklyn with Smokey Hormel (Johnny Cash, Beck, Adele, Norah Jones, Tom Waits, Neil Diamond). She is honored to have the opportunity to sing with Smokey's Roundup.

She formed KCB: Kara Cavanaugh Band in 2024 where they cover different genres of music that span the decades including pop, rock, Americana, blues, country, and more. You can be

sure to catch KCB at Beau's Bar in Greenlawn, Long Island where they have a monthly residency.

Along with her electric band, she plays acoustic jazz shows showing her versatility and ability to sing any style.

Kara is currently working on two new singles that will be released this coming year in 2026!

Press Quotes:

"You nailed this album...sounds phenomenal."

- Meagan Panici, WZRD 88.3 FM Chicago

"I am really impressed with the production and your powerful voice. I think you are ready for the next chapter in your life."

- Melvin Seals, Jerry Garcia Band