

UCSB Jazz Ensemble Biennial Vocal Jazz Solo Competition

Open to ALL currently registered full time UCSB students, regardless of major or experience.

Video Recording due **Monday Jan 26, 2026 at NOON**, Finals held on **TH January 29, 2026, LLCH, 4:00-5:30 PM**. You will be allowed no materials (lyrics, music or otherwise) at the finals.

3-4 finalists will be chosen for each piece. Keys are NOT negotiable. For the video, you will simply sing along with the recording. For the finals, you will sing with the band in front of a live audience. Written parts and recordings will be available for all pieces for all entrants.

Performances for those chosen will be on **Wednesday February 25, 7:30 PM**, LLCH (UCSB Jazz Ensemble quarterly concert) and **Sunday April 12, 1:00 PM**, SOHO Restaurant and Music Club, for the monthly Santa Barbara Jazz Society event. You must be available for both of these performances if chosen to perform.

When submitting your video application(s), use this [google form](#) to submit your information and song choices. At the end of the google form, you will find an upload link.

Works to be performed/auditioned:

Dancing on the Ceiling (Key of F Major)

*This arrangement was NOT originally written for voice. A written part will be provided specific to this arrangement. There is a short verse (intro) that you should be prepared to play along with a pianist (rubato), and sing the melody with a rhythm section.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NooSUV52ZP0> (Frank Sinatra, key of F, missing last 4 bars of the verse, ballad tempo, NOT the tempo or arrangement we will perform)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otI_-fHxvDE&list=RDotI_-fHxvDE&start_radio=1
(recording of the arrangement we are playing, to give you an idea of the arrangement and tempo, Key of F)

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[Dancing on the Ceiling \(music/recording\)](#)

I Won't Dance (Ella Fitzgerald - Key of Ab Major)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-66D6AYD_8Q&list=RD-66D6AYD_8Q&start_radio=1

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Ten Cents a Dance (Anita O'Day - Key of C Major)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GPW1u23bwts&list=RDGPW1u23bwts&start_radio=1

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[Ten Cents a Dance \(music/recording\)](#)

Let's Face the Music and Dance (Ella Fitzgerald - Key of F Major)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Req-p71r5hl&list=RDRReq-p71r5hl&start_radio=1

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[Let's Face the Music and Dance \(music/recording\)](#)

Please also be aware of the following jazz vocal events in Spring quarter 2026:

7:00 PM - Thursday, April 30, 2026. Lucia, Jazz Vocalist. Hahn Hall, Music Academy of the West. UCSB Arts and Lectures. \$\$\$\$

2:00-3:30 PM - Thursday, April 30 or Friday May 1, 2026. Jazz Masterclass, Lucia. Time and date to be confirmed.

For a taste of Lucia's incredible work, see these videos:

[What a Difference a Day Makes](#)

[East of the Sun](#)

[Silencio](#)

[Veracruz](#)

[Exactly Like You](#)

Personally, this vocalist is one of the most accomplished and exciting I have heard in quite a while!! Her aesthetic is what I am interested in as far as jazz vocalists are concerned (along with Veronica Swift), someone comfortable and well versed with musicianship and the jazz tradition, while being true to their personal roots. This is something I am eagerly looking forward to!

Best of luck to everyone! We look forward to hearing you sing! - Jon Nathan, director UCSB Jazz Ensembles