

= Lynn Davis (singer) =

Lynn Blythe Davis (born July 12 , 1958) is an American singer , songwriter , musician , and record producer . She rose to prominence after joining The George Duke Band in 1977 . During her time with the band , she sang lead vocals on their one of their biggest hits ; " I Want You for Myself " , " Party Down " , and " Reach Out " . Under the guidance of Epic Records musician and mentor George Duke , Davis continued booking success by contributing background vocals and writing songs for many singers including Tracie Spencer , La Toya Jackson , Patrice Rushen , Anita Baker , and many other singers .

Davis 's musical genre has varied throughout her career including R & B , funk , soul , funk , adult contemporary , old skool , psychedelia , and pop . Her artistic influences include George Duke , Chaka Khan , Marvin Gaye , and Earth , Wind , and Fire .

Throughout her career , Davis has written songs and contributed background vocals for over 100 different singers and musical groups . Known for her wide , high @-@ reaching vocal range , she is recognized as one of the most successful and musical recorded session vocalists of the era . She has also been a back @-@ up singer for a number of famous artists , including Marvin Gaye , Stevie Wonder , and Toshinobu Kubota , as well as toured with Yanni for a short period of time , where her popularity has grown among worldwide audiences .

= = Early life = =

Lynn Blythe Davis was born in Jamestown , California , to Adeline Davis (née Livingston) and Thomas Davis , a Baptist minister at a local church . Lynn attended Narbonne High School in Los Angeles , California , where she enrolled in dance classes . Her singing talent was discovered when she began performing in school talent shows . Lynn 's interest in music and performing continued after winning a school talent show at age sixteen along with her friends . After graduating high school at the age of 17 , she received a message from a friend to audition for The George Duke Band .

= = Career = =

= = = 1977 @-@ 1987 : The George Duke Band = = =

At the age of 18 , Lynn began a professional singing career when she joined singer / musician George Duke and his band for his tour . During this time , The George Duke Band consisted of George Duke , Josie James , Sheila E. , Napoleon Murphy Brock , Louis Johnson , Byron Miller , and Leon " Ndugu " Chancler . In 1978 , Lynn contributed background vocals on the title @-@ track album " No One Home " by Argentine composer / pianist Lalo Schifrin . In the same year , she contributed background vocals along with The George Duke Band on Flora Purim 's album Carry On . In 1979 , Lynn contributed background vocals on the songs " Summer Breezin ' " and " I Need You Now " , which were featured on George Duke 's album A Brazilian Love Affair . In mid @-@ 1979 , Lynn became the featured vocalist on the single " I Want You for Myself " , which was released on George Duke 's album Master of the Game . The single charted at number 23 on Billboard 's Hot R & B chart and on the Hot Dance Club Songs ' chart . In the same year , Lynn began providing background vocals for singer Patrice Rushen , whom she met during the recording sessions with Lalo Schifrin . The songs were featured on Rushen 's hit album Pizzazz .

In 1980 , Lynn began contributing background vocals for La Toya Jackson 's self @-@ titled debut album . In the same year , she also contributed background vocals and began writing songs for Patrice Rushen 's album Posh . Lynn also appears on the album as a guest and featured vocalist for " This Is All I Really Know " , a song she wrote for Rushen 's album . In 1981 , Lynn recorded a cover version of Earth , Wind , and Fire 's hit single After the Love Has Gone for Stanley Turrentine 's album Tender Togetherness . In the same year , she also contributed background vocals for

Syreeta Wright 's album Set My Love in Motion and Greg Phillinganes 's album Significant Gains . In late 1981 , she recorded background vocals for Billy Preston & Syreeta Wright 's duet album Billy Preston & Syreeta . In 1982 , Lynn was featured on Jeffrey Osborne 's debut single " I Really Don 't Need No Light " , which appeared on his self @-@ titled debut album . Lynn also appears a background vocalist on his song " Ain 't Nothin ' Missin ' " and " Baby " , which also appear on his album . Later that year , Lynn once again provided background vocals and wrote songs for Patrice Rushen to appear on her hit album , Straight from the Heart .

In early 1983 , Lynn joined The Gene Dunlap Band . The band released their first album , entitled Tired of Being a Nice Guy . Lynn returned to the George Duke Band and they released their album Guardian Of The Light . Lynn later toured with the George Duke Band for their worldwide tour . During the tour , the George Duke Band recorded their live album Live in Tokyo , Japan 1983 , which was also released on DVD . Later that year , Lynn joined Marvin Gaye 's Midnight Love Tour as a backup vocalist . The tour also featured , fellow George Duke Band member , Sheila E. and her brother Peter Michael Escovedo . Lynn continued to provide background vocals on Duke 's following albums : " Rendezvous " (1984) , " Super Keyboards " (1984) , " Thief in the Night " (1984) , and " George Duke " (1986) .

In 1985 , she recorded two songs that would appear on Rodney Franklin 's album Marathon ; " Stay On in the Groove " and a duet song " Love Is the Answer " with Darryl Coley . In 1986 , Lynn recorded two songs " The First Time " and " It 's Your Turn " , which were featured in the film Flying : Dream To Believe . In 1987 , George Duke formed a R & B group called " 101 North " , which Lynn was briefly apart of along with fellow George Duke Band members Josie James , Napoleon Murphy Brock , and Carl Carwell (of Earth , Wind , and Fire) . The group released their self @-@ titled debut album in August 1987 .

= = = 1987 @-@ 1995 : Touring with Toshinobu Kubota and Yanni = = =

In 1987 , Lynn was introduced to uprising Japanese singer Toshinobu Kubota , who was impressed with her stage performance during earlier tour with George Duke in 1983 . Later that year , Lynn re @-@ located to Japan and began recording regularly with Kubota and eventually became a backup singer for him during his " I Need Your Funky Thang Tour " . In the same year , Lynn met Japanese singer / musician Hiroshi Satoh . Satoh produced a song for Lynn called " Lady of the Nile " and a duet song with Satoh entitled " Together " , which appeared on his album Future File .

In 1988 , she was featured on Kubota 's single " Indigo Waltz " from his third album Such A Funky Thang ! . In 1988 , Lynn returned to America and co @-@ wrote as well as produce songs for Gary Taylor , Paul Jackson , Jr . , Alfonz Jones , Anita Baker , Jeffrey Osborne , Evelyn " Champagne " King , Stacy Lattisaw , Howard Hewett , Deniece Williams , and many other singers . She also joined Chaka Khan for her European Tour .

In 1989 , Lynn appeared on Toshinobu Kubota 's single " Give You My Love " . The song peaked at number 3 on the Oricon Singles Chart , selling over 150 @,@ 000 copies in Japan . In 1990 , Lynn made a guest appearance Kubota 's fourth album Bonga Wanga , in which she sings background vocals on the lead single " Be Wannabe " . In the same year , Lynn and Toshinobu Kubota performed a live cover of Roberta Flack and Donny Hathaway 's single " The Closer I Get to You " on a Japan 's national music program . In 1991 , Lynn joined Toshinobu Kubota during his " Bonga Wanga Spring Tour " as a backup singer . After the conclusion of the tour , she parted ways with the singer . After returning to America , Lynn began providing background vocals and writing songs on many albums for Phil Perry , Diane Schuur , Tevin Campbell , Patti Austin , Aretha Franklin , Phyllis Hyman , and Peabo Bryson .

In 1992 , she began recording with Go West . She contributed background vocals on the lead single " Faithful " as well as " Tell Me " and " King of Wishful Thinking " for their album Indian Summer . She contributed background vocals for Kenny G 's album Breathless . In the same year , Lynn re @-@ joined long @-@ time friend George Duke and performed on his album , Snapshot .

In the summer of 1993 , Lynn was asked to tour with Greek @-@ American composer Yanni . Along with Darlene Koldenhoven , she performed the song " Aria " during each concert . She

continued to tour with Yanni throughout the end of 1995 , during end of his Yanni Live , The Symphony Concerts 1995 . The performances were recorded live and released on two of Yanni 's live DVD : Live at the Acropolis (1994) and Live at Royal Albert Hall (1995) .

= = = 1996 @-@ present : Later career = = =

In 1996 and 1997 , she contributed background vocals for albums that would be released by Eros Ramazzotti , Celine Dion , Vonda Shepard , and Puff Johnson . In 1998 , she was contributed background vocals for the Whitney Houston and Mariah Carey single " When You Believe " . In 2000 , she recorded with Elton John and Tim Rice for their collaboration album , The Road to El Dorado .

In 2001 , Davis appeared on Pat Thomei 's album Remote Control as a guest vocalist on the song " Love 's Own Time " . Davis would later go on to record music with Gerald Albright , Laura Pausini , Cerrone , Meat Loaf , The Mooney Suzuki , Frank McComb , and Lynne Fiddmont .

In 2008 , Davis reunited with George Duke and the original members of The George Duke Band to record " Dukey Treats " and " Mercy " for his album " Dukey Treats " .

In August 2013 , Davis briefly reunited with The George Duke Band at the George Duke Memorial Service . Along with her bandmates , she gave a brief commentary about her mentor George Duke . She also performed " Brazilian Love Affair " with The George Duke Band and Stanley Clarke .

= = Discography = =

= = Tours = =

1979 : George Duke Band Tour (with George Duke)

1982 : Midnight Love Tour (with Marvin Gaye)

1983 : Guardian of the Light Tour (with George Duke)

1984 : The Woman in Red Tour (with Stevie Wonder)

1986 @-@ 87 : George Duke Tour (with George Duke)

1988 : European Tour (with Chaka Khan)

1989 : I Need Your Funky Thang ! Tour (with Toshinobu Kubota)

1990 : Bonga Wanga Tour (with Toshinobu Kubota)

1993 @-@ 95 : Yanni Live , The Symphony Concerts (with Yanni)