

## From Yodel to Scat Country Singer Suzy Dalton Makes Jazz Debut

Strausstown, PA February 22, 2008 - Vocalist Suzy Dalton, best known as part of The Pat Garrett Band, embarks on a new phase of her music career, making her debut at this year's VF Outlet Berks Jazz Fest, April 2 at the Peanut Bar in Reading; and April 5 at the YR Club in Wyomissing.

The Berks County native has followed an unlikely path to jazz vocalist. For the past decade she has performed as vocalist and bass guitarist with country group, The Pat Garrett Band, starring entertainer and husband Pat Garrett, sharing the stage with legends like Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, Loretta Lynn and Charlie Daniels.

But according to Dalton, jazz, not country, was the music with which she was raised. "I grew up immersed in my parents' collection of Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan, Rosemary Clooney; so that's the music I feel is a part of who I really am." A stint playing bass for blues band Mr Z and Nightshift, re-ignited her desire to reconnect with jazz. She has since sung with jazz groups Braziliance, the Jazz Katz, and guitarist extraordinaire, Ken Gehret.

Her repertoire includes many jazz standards, with some performed in French, Portuguese, and Italian. "I saw Eartha Kitt at the Cafe Carlyle in New York City, and I was fascinated that she sang in many different languages, so she inspired me." Dalton also gives a nod to her country background by adding a jazz twist to a country standard or two.

Dalton will appear Wednesday, April 2 at the Peanut Bar, 332 Penn Street, Reading from 8pm to 11pm, along with George Grund on piano, Steve Meashey on bass, Paul Miller on drums, and Bob "Doc" Mulligan on trombone.

She will appear on Saturday, April 5 at the YR Club, S Parkside Drive & Thrush Road, Wyomissing, 7pm to 10pm, along with Andy Roberts on piano, Steve Meashey on bass, Ed Stalosky on drums, and Seth Mellon on sax. Normally a private club, the YR will be open to the public for that evening. For reservations for the Peanut Bar, call (610) 376-8500; for the YR Club call (610) 376-1303.

For more information go to [www.berksjazzfest.com](http://www.berksjazzfest.com), or [SuzyDalton.com](http://SuzyDalton.com) which will be online by Feb 27.

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