

VALERIE SAUNDERS
VOCAL IMPRESSIONIST
PRESENTS

THE VOICES OF VALERIE

When Valerie was a child, she saw *The Wizard of Oz* on TV for the very first time in her life, and she was absolutely mesmerized. The second movie musical she saw was *Oliver* in the theater. She was totally hooked again. She said to herself, “That’s me! That’s me! I’m Nancy! I must do movie musicals! I’m going to do them some day!” Since childhood, this has been her greatest love and still is to this day. She told her parents how much she loved movie musicals, and they bought her *The Wizard of Oz* album. She would sing along and speak the dialogue recorded on it countless times! She had no idea back then that record would have such a powerful impact on her entire life from that moment on, and still does today.

With each new movie musical soundtrack that they gave her, Valerie kept singing along and discovered she naturally sounded like many of the vocalists. Over time, she realized there were singers from different genres of music she could emulate as well. Valerie read several years ago there is actually a name for this God-given gift: Vocal Impressionist. Her ‘voices’ include Judy Garland, Julie Andrews, Doris Day, Barbra Streisand, Marilyn Monroe, Ethel Merman, Patsy Cline, the women of Abba, and Cher. She has been working on Rosemary Clooney and Patti Page.

While rafting down the CO River inside the Grand Canyon in May of 2012, to her surprise the group was told there would be a talent show at the end of the trip. She decided to perform a medley of her vocal impressions as well as her many different Oz ‘voices.’ She had not done them in years, so she practiced and was nervous. There were many performers, and finally her turn was up. The next morning at breakfast, many fellow rafters complimented her on her Oz ‘voices’ more than anything else.

Valerie has had a stellar career as an entertainer half her life: Theater, Theme Parks, Film, TV, Radio, and Webisode. Her repertoire is Movie Musicals, Broadway Tunes, Big Band, Andrews Sisters, Country, Western, and a few Classical pieces as well. She has performed nationwide for many years in AZ, NY, OH, TX, and WV. Internationally, Valerie sang at the Hotel Splendido in Portofino, Italy. She also sang at a bistro in Paris, France. Valerie worked in the props and lighting departments for the 1993 film, *Tombstone*. She was the mother for the Life Teen film, *Awkward Family Moments*.

To let you know, yes, *The Wizard of Oz* album is on Valerie’s living room wall right now.