



**Jacob Khalil** is a Palestinian-American singer-songwriter and pianist who effectively blurs the lines between jazz and modern popular music. His original songs have been hailed by *Broadway World* as, “radio ready...chart toppers,” characterized by infectious hooks and soulful improvisation reminiscent of John Legend, Jamie Cullum, and Coldplay. Jacob’s charismatic showmanship lifts the spirits of any audience, causing what *Broadway World* referred to as a “joyful experiencing of the music,” with patrons clapping, singing, and swaying along.

Since moving to New York from Salt Lake City in 2020, the Houston native has become a staple of New York City nightlife. In 2023 he sang alongside Sam Smith on *Saturday Night Live*. Since his sold-out Birdland debut in March 2022, Jacob has been invited back to the club multiple times, including filling in for Grammy-winning singer/pianist Billy Stritch at his weekly residency. Jacob holds Thursday residency at the historic Mimi’s Piano Bar, where he has a regular following of energetic music lovers. The other six nights of the week, he balances performances in NYC venues such as Birdland, City Winery, and 54 Below. He tours nationally to performing arts centers, jazz clubs, and music festivals. For years Jacob has been called upon as a song interpreter, being featured on hundreds of recordings including the feature films *Cryo* (2022), T.C. Christensen’s *The Fighting Preacher* (2019), and a special XM Radio performance of Frank Wildhorn’s “This Is The Moment,” with the composer at the piano.

Jacob holds a Bachelor of Music in voice performance from Brigham Young University, where he performed leading opera roles, toured internationally with the BYU Singers and Young Ambassadors, and performed with BYU’s premier big band Synthesis.