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BIO

Karen Willough is a world artist, comfortable singing in many languages. Born in Central America, she grew up in New York, but lived in Europe for a decade. Her voice has been described as sultry and soulful.

Her first release, “Tra le tue Braccia,” a cover of Daniel Bedingfield’s hit “If You’re Not the One” translated into Italian, was exceedingly well-received, surprising and delighting many of her long-time fans.

“Accompanying her masterful passionate vocals are hushed whispers of sound. Together everything works to create lovely layers of sound. The balance is ideal as Karen Willough manages to veer from the near silent to the absolute triumphant. By taking such an approach she is able to further emphasize her warm, inviting lyrics. Indeed, Karen Willough’s strong voice serves as the heart of the piece guiding it forward.”

— Skope Magazine

Her last number “World without You” was a song she translated from Dutch. The duet, sung with well-known Chicago jazz musician Michael Jones, shows another side of Karen’s vocal versatility.

Although Karen has been singing and performing since the age of five, she began her professional musical career as a songwriter. She later became focused on classical and baroque music. She performed in Europe with groups such as *Capella Sint Jan*, before relocating to Chicago in 2011. She continues to sing with the *Mount Carmel Morning Choir* under the direction of Paul French, which is where she met Jones.

She is also a member of the Chicago Choral Project, and Chicago Cabaret Professionals.

“You Know I Have Angels” (“Yo tengo ángeles”) Willough’s new Christmas release, is a combination of English and Spanish, done in true Flamenco style. Music and lyrics were written by Willough. It was produced by longtime friend and Billboard charting producer michéal Castaldo at studios in New York, Chicago, Toronto (Canada), and Rome (Italy).