

Susan Pereira

Vocalist, pianist, percussionist, composer and arranger Susan Pereira has been one of the most versatile musicians on New York's Brazilian music scene since 1983. While deeply rooted in traditional Brazilian styles, her broad background in jazz and world music has enabled her to develop a distinct musical personality. Fluent in Portuguese, she is a singer who blends a silky, rich tone with superior vocal technique and is a particularly skilled lyric interpreter and scat singer. Pereira's percussive piano style is enhanced by her mastery of complex Brazilian rhythms and her original Brazilian jazz compositions are a popular part of her performances. She leads the acclaimed Brazilian jazz group Sabor Brasil, co-founded with drummer Vanderlei Pereira, and has appeared with the group at a variety of notable venues and festivals, including Lincoln Center, Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola, the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), Iridium, Birdland, the Rochester International Jazz Festival, the Savannah Jazz Festival, Jazz in June Festival (Lincoln, Nebraska), the Hartford Jazz Festival, B.B. King's, and the Zinc Bar, among many others.

Apart from Sabor Brasil, Susan has performed as a vocalist and/or percussionist with many top names in Brazilian jazz (Airto Moreira, Flora Purim, Dom Salvador and more) as well as in traditional *samba* percussion ensembles, both in the U.S., Brazil (São Clemente Samba School) and beyond, at venues such as Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Center, the Blue Note, the Jazzmandu Festival (Katmandu, Nepal), the Syracuse Jazz Festival, the Village Gate and in the Carnival samba school parade/competition in Rio de Janeiro's Sambódromo.

Susan is the vocalist/percussionist in the Brazilian jazz ensemble Vanderlei Pereira and Blindfold Test, and is featured on the group's 2020 CD release *Vision for Rhythm* (Jazzheads) as well as co-producing the album. She has co-lead master classes on Brazilian percussion at the University of Delaware and Rutgers University and has composed and/or arranged music for OMNI Music and Alfa Records, among others.

Susan Pereira and Sabor Brasil's CD, *Tudo Azul* (Riony Records), received airplay not only on WBGO, WBAI and WKCR in Susan Pereira's hometown of New York City, but also made top-10 playlists on North American jazz stations from Hawaii to Newfoundland. Outside North America, *Tudo Azul* has received airplay in Brazil, Argentina, Australia and Portugal. In 2023, *Tudo Azul* continues to be heard on WBGO, WKCR, WICN, and Brasil's Radio Cultura.