# Artist Biography
# Sofia Almeida

"And then Sofia Almeida stands on the stage and dares to do something. She grabs John Coltrane's 'Resolution' and makes the song explode with her singing."

- JazzWise Magazine

Sofia Almeida is a Portuguese vocalist, performer, and composer, known for her signature voice merging jazz, Luso-Brazilian influences, and contemporary music. Born and raised on Madeira Island, she is currently based in Boston, where she is pursuing her Master's degree at the Berklee Global Jazz Institute on a full-tuition scholarship, after earning her Bachelor's degree in Music Performance from Berklee College of Music. As an ambassador of the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation, Sofia has received their support for her studies, along with multiple merit-based awards at Berklee. Under the mentorship of jazz legends Danilo Pérez, John Patitucci, and Joe Lovano for the past four years, she is emerging as a rising voice in the global jazz scene.

A milestone in her career came in 2025, when she premiered Wayne Shorter's symphonic 30-minute piece Gaia on the Iberian Peninsula with the Orquestra Clássica da Madeira in Portugal. She has also performed as a soloist vocalist with the GRAMMY Award-winning Generation Gap Jazz Orchestra, led by Steven Feifke and Bijon Watson, at the Berklee Performance Center in Boston. Additionally, she has performed within large ensembles, including the Berklee Global Jazz Big Band and the Pletenitsa Balkan Choir, as part of major Berklee productions alongside GRAMMY Award-winning artists such as Brian Blade, Tigran Hamasyan, Danilo Pérez, John Patitucci, Joe Lovano. Her performances have graced renowned international festivals, including the Funchal Jazz Festival and the Panama Jazz Festival.

"My voice carries all the love that lives within me. The greatest honor of my lifetime is to sing and share this love with all humanity."

- Sofia Almeida