

## Karon Kate Blackwell ~ Biography

Karon Kate Blackwell is a talented vocalist, musician and song writer. She was born and raised near Ellisville Mississippi, where she grew up singing every chance she got. As a vocalist, she can glide effortlessly from country to rhythm and blues and gospel, to a ballad by Irving Berlin or the Gershwins. As a musician, she can pound out a rock `n' roll song on the piano Jerry Lee Lewis-style or take an old-fashioned ragtime tune and really make it swing. Many of the songs she sings are her own compositions.

Opening for the likes of Wayne Newton in Las Vegas and Burl Ives in Reno, Karon's career began in nightclubs and showrooms throughout the country. National television credits include The Tonight Show, The Regis Philbin Show, and Hour Magazine. Additionally, Karon has the honor of being the original 'Wet and Wild Girl' for the 7Up *Your Thirst Away* commercials that aired in the 1960s. In 1994, one of Karon's singles entitled, *I Can't Laugh* was a Cashbox "pick-of-the-week" selection.

Today, Karon and legendary comedian husband of 32 years — Marty Allen — perform all over the country to sold out audiences. Mixing Marty's humor with Karon's singing and boogie-woogie piano, brings down the house every time. Karon sings a lot of old favorites, but she also includes a few of her own compositions such as Wedding Vows, a song she wrote for Marty on their wedding day. In addition to singing and playing piano, Karon is Marty's straight man. If you ask Karon, she'll tell you it doesn't get much better than that!