

NEW YORK VOICES - THE GRAND FINALE

For 38 years, **New York Voices** — soprano Kim Nazarian, alto Lauren Kinhan, baritone Peter Eldridge, and tenor/saxophonist/music director Darmon Meader — have stood among the world’s premier jazz vocal ensembles. Dubbed “The Four and Only” by **Paquito D’Rivera**, the quartet combines four masterful solo artists into one exquisitely blended unit, renowned for their sophisticated arrangements, daring swing, and remarkable vocal precision.

Since forming in the mid-1980s at **Ithaca College**, the group has toured internationally, released 11 landmark albums, and collaborated with jazz legends. Highlights include performances with the **Count Basie Orchestra** at Carnegie Hall, an epic holiday tour with the **Boston Pops**, and appearances with leading big bands and orchestras across Europe and North America. Their discography spans big band tributes like *Sing! Sing! Sing!*, the acclaimed *New York Voices Sing the Songs of Paul Simon*, holiday favorite *Let It Snow*, and the eclectic albums *A Day Like This* and *Reminiscing in Tempo*.

Beyond performance, New York Voices have shaped generations of singers through university teaching posts and their 18 year long-running Vocal Jazz Camp, mentoring aspiring artists in the art of ensemble singing, solo expression, songwriting, improvisation and more. Their influence extends worldwide through their workshops, masterclasses and international camps.

Now, the group prepares to conclude its extraordinary run with a Grand Finale Tour across the U.S. and Europe, culminating in a farewell gala concert in New York City in January 2027. Four recordings are planned for a 2026 release, a collaboration with **Ivan Lins and the Danish Radio Big Band**, a recording with the **Taipei Jazz Orchestra**, a live concert of Brazilian Music with topflight LA musicians called **Sonho Meu** and a final studio album with their signature eclectic programming of standards, originals and pop reinventions.

Though the ensemble will take its final bow, each member will continue thriving as solo artists and educators. After nearly four decades, New York Voices leave a legacy of artistry, mentorship, and music that will resonate for generations.