

Julie Slim
Singer, songwriter, recording artist



Julie Slim is a Lebanese-American, multilingual vocalist, known for her versatility in singing in multiple genres, styles and languages. She is the leader of French jazz quintet *RendezVous*, which she founded in 2013 as a melting pot of the linguistics and cultural influences that have shaped her musical life. Her quintet features accomplished local musicians with Shawn Ellison on keyboard, Shirley Johnson on accordion, Phil Spencer on bass and Joe McCreary on drums, with arrangements by the grammy nominated Dr. James Polk.

Julie has been performing in the arts as a theatre artist and singer for over 30 years, during which she created two duet cabaret acts, *Etcetera* (with Rod Gilkeson), and *Cabarageous* (with Donna Lipman). She has performed on stage regionally and locally, earning a nomination for a B Iden Payne award award for best character actress in 1996 (*Deep In The Heart of Texas*), and founded *Layalina* in 2009, an Arabic band specializing in traditional and folk Arabic music, which performed in a world music showcase at SXSW in 2010.

Since moving to Austin in 1996, she has collaborated with local world music bands *Atlas Maior*, *1001 Nights Orchestra*, *Ojàla*, and *Bereket*, UT Middle Eastern Ensemble. She has also been a vocalist for the Austin Jazz Workshop since 2001 in many of their programs, and currently in "Songs of the American Spirit". Julie is a member of *Swan Songs*, an organization that fulfills musical wishes for the elderly, and a member of the local chapter of the international volunteer organization, *Threshold Choir*, consisting of women who provide comfort through songs for the sick and elderly. In 2017, Julie won an Honorable Mention Award at the USA Songwriting Competition for her song, *Sarabande Solitaire*, with music by Shawn Ellison, and lyrics by Julie Slim.

With *RendezVous*, Julie has recorded and produced three CDs: an EP of two studio produced songs with one original live track, titled *Julie Slim & RendezVous*; a live concert CD recorded at Central Market Westgate; and her latest, *Promenade Sentimentale*, a full-length CD of French standards released in January of 2017 with eleven tracks:

1. *Histoire d'un Amour* (originally *Historia De Un Amor* by Carlos Eleta Almaran) with French lyrics by Dalida and English lyrics by Julie Slim
2. *Je Suis Seule Ce Soir*: first sung by Léo Marjane; arranged by Dr. James Polk with English lyrics by Julie Slim
3. *I Shouldn't Care*: originally sung by Edith Piaf
4. *Mon Manège À Moi*: sung originally by Edith Piaf
5. *Stranger on the Shore*: originally by Acker Bilk: French lyrics by poet Paul Verlaine, "Il Pleure Dans Mon Coeur"; English lyrics originally sung by Patti Page
6. *Les Feuilles Mortes* (*Autumn Leaves*): original French lyrics by poet Jacques Prevert; arranged by Dr. James Polk
7. *Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien*: originally sung by Edith Piaf
8. *Que Reste-t-il De Nos Amours* (*I Wish You Love*): by Charles Trenet; arranged by Dr. James Polk
9. *T'es L'homme Qu'il Me Faut*: by Edith Piaf
10. *Toujours Aimer/L-O-V-E*: by Edith Piaf/Nat King Cole
11. *Trois Fois Merci*: originally sung by Jacqueline François; arranged by Dr. James Polk

Julie Slim's CDs are available online at iTunes, Spotify and Amazon and CdBaby. Her latest CD, *Promenade Sentimentale*, is now also available at Waterloo Records.

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