

The Beauty Behind the Ballad

Written by Kirstina Bolton



If you happen to find yourself mesmerized during a dinner at Mastro's Steakhouse, it may be from the delicious meal, or it may be from the soulful songstress and her piano-playing guru. Dawn and Joe combine their forces each week at Mastro's with an all-request performance at the restaurant. AZFoothills got to have a chat with the gorgeous Dawn Jameson-Powers on her performance, musical partner and go-to beauty tips for summer.



How long have you and Joe been performing together?

My first performance with Joe was actually on my birthday, February 15th of this year, at Mastro's Steakhouse. It was really amazing to have all my friends and fans there for my first night, and then having them all sing *to me* "Happy Birthday" just made it so special. We even had "Kimmie's Cakies" deliver an enormous ice cream cake right to the piano! Joe and I clicked right away with just only one rehearsal before our first night.

What is your favorite style of music to perform?

I love to perform soulful ballads. At Mastro's, we do an all request show, which can get pretty interesting! I love a challenge and never back down from one. So when a fan asked me to sing Whitney Houston's "I will always love you", I sang with all of my might! And now it is one of our staple songs that people bring their friends to hear each week. Joe does a mean "Piano Man", and even plays the harmonica while playing piano! We love to get audience participation during our songs. I can't tell you how fun it is to have tons of people surrounding the piano, singing "Bohemian Rhapsody" at the top of their lungs towards the end of the night :)

How does your musical style mix with Joe's?

Joe is one of the most talented people I know. I feel like I have been given the greatest gift to be able to perform with him. He knows almost every song ever written, and can perform them to a T. Our styles compliment each other so well, and our personalities match perfectly together. I couldn't have asked for a better partner! We like to play practical jokes on each other and keep the show light and humorous. We'll crack each other up during the entire show.

What have you learned from Joe as far as performing goes?

I've learned how to really read people and the room you are in. Certain people want certain things when they come to be entertained. And our job as entertainers is to be able to determine that. When you come to see Joe and I perform, it's not about us. It's all about you, and making

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your experience with us as fun as it can be!

As we head into Summer, what are some things you prepare for beauty wise?

Since we live in AZ, the dry heat summers and numerous dips in the pool can be torturous to our hair. So I get regular Keratriplex Treatments at Jennifer André Salon. It's blend of keratin proteins really protect the hair from breakage. And being a performer, my hair gets stressed out on a daily basis, so this deep conditioning treatment is a Godsend!

Do you have a favorite beauty product for the summer?

My favorite beauty product is by far the Clarisonic Mia. It has saved my skin! Summer is usually the time we don't want to wear makeup because it will just melt off in this lovely Arizona weather. Yet if your skin isn't in the greatest condition, you'll feel the need to pack on the coverup. But since I started using the Clarisonic cleansing system, my skin has never looked or felt better. So now my face can bare it all at the pool :)

Do you have any specific workouts to get you bikini-ready?

The P90X is my go-to workout routine. I can't say I can get through each entire workout without passing out, but it definitely gets you in shape FAST. The Ab Ripper X is my favorite (mostly because it's the shortest workout in the series!) and you can see results in just a few days.

Dawn and Joe perform weekly at Mastro's Steakhouse in Pinnacle Peak and Pima. Call 480-585-9500 for showtimes and to book reservations. To find out more, visit their website, www.JoeAndDawn.com, their [Facebook](#), and her Twitter (@DawnJameson).