

Introducing . . .

Latanya Farrell, the Singing Principal



Latanya Farrell is an award-winning educator, performer, songwriter, soul-singer, an active longtime member of the West Hartford, Connecticut community, AND the incredibly-proud mother of her two beautiful adult-children: Jason Jr. (Trinity '23) and Jordan (USJ), who've soared in West Hartford schools with both graduating from Hall High School with honors.

In her community, Latanya serves as a member of the **West Hartford Arts Commission** and was instrumental in helping to create the Artist Job Bank for West Hartford .

As an ordinary woman with an ordinary life, who brings an extraordinary voice to the music

scene during live performances and on her debut album, "**Feelin' Alright**", Latanya delivers uplifting melodies and powerful vocals which are the hallmark of her songs about life, love and happiness. Latanya has emerged as a band leader full of energy, who is uniquely gifted at engaging audiences with her bright smile and impeccable style. Blending Latanya's original music with popular cover tunes, she performs to packed houses throughout New England. Her presence is infectious and the energy keeps flowing throughout the entire performance with music that ranges from soulful classics to urban contemporary to her inspiring originals. Latanya enjoys performing at large outdoor events and bringing communities together through music. The Hartford Courant dubbed Latanya "**Queen of Summer Concerts**", a compliment she holds very close to her heart.

Since **winning Connecticut Star Search** in 2003, Latanya Farrell has had leading musical roles which include performing "Songs in the Key of Life" at the Bushnell Theater as well as other large venues sharing the stage with amazing artists such as Wynton Marsalis and Air Supply. In addition to her debut album, "**Feelin' Alright**", Latanya has been featured on several albums including world-renowned saxophonist Jimmy Greene's Grammy Award nominated album, "A Beautiful Life", which was dedicated to Jimmy and Nelba Márquez-Greene's beautiful precious daughter, Ana Grace, who was tragically lost at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Latanya's lifelong mission as a mother and an educator aligns with her lifetime achievements as a performer – it's all heart and soul! Latanya graduated with two Masters of Education from the University of Hartford and received their prestigious Anchor Alumni Award. Latanya Farrell is the principal of Stafford Elementary School in Bristol, Connecticut where, ironically, she had her first teaching assignment almost 30 years ago. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Stafford Elementary School was featured on WTNH channel 8's segment of "What's Right with Schools", where Latanya is known as "**The Singing Principal**", who uses music to spread positive vibes and spirit to her students' online-remote and in-person learning experiences.

For more information about Latanya Farrell, please visit www.latanyafarrell.com.