

Klea Blackhurst

Klea Blackhurst is an actress, singer and comedienne known for her award-winning tribute to Ethel Merman, *Everything The Traffic Will Allow*. Most recently she starred in the highly acclaimed production of *Hello, Dolly!* at The Goodspeed Opera House and *The Nutty Professor*, which premiered in Nashville, directed by legendary comedian, Jerry Lewis and featuring a score by Marvin Hamlisch and Rupert Holmes. Klea also played Rose in *Drury Lane Chicago's Gypsy*, garnering rave reviews in 2012. She's performed with symphony orchestras and in theatrical productions across the country and abroad including the London Palladium presentation of Jerry Herman's *Broadway with Angela Lansbury*, the recent Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra tribute to Marvin Hamlisch,, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, 15 Mabel Mercer Foundation Cabaret Conventions, New York's Town Hall, Jazz at Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, New York's 92nd Street Y Lyrics & Lyricists, The Chicago Humanities Festival and as Ado Annie in the BBC Proms concert of *Oklahoma!* in London's Royal Albert Hall.

Klea's nightclub engagements include tributes to the Broadway career of composer Vernon Duke at the Café Carlyle with a subsequent sold-out engagement at Joe's Pub at The Public Theater and "Dreaming of a Song: The Music of Hoagy Carmichael," a collaboration with Billy Stritch. TV and radio: Shelby Cross on the IFC Channel comedy series, "Onion News Network." "Law and Order: SVU," "Sesame Street" and "A Prairie Home Companion." Theatre credits include: New York – *A Tree Grows In Brooklyn*, *Bingo*, *By Jupiter*, *Radio Gals*, *Oil City Symphony*; Regional – *Call Me Madam*, *Chicago*, *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*, *Red Hot and Blue*, *Anything Goes*. Klea's albums are on the Ghostlight Records label and available at www.ghostlightrecords.com. She's featured on "Jule Styne in Hollywood" on PS Classics; the original cast recordings of *Bingo* and *Radio Gals*; "Lost in Boston IV," "Unsung Irving Berlin," and "The Best of Off Broadway." Klea is a Distinguished Alumna of The University of Utah and a member of Trinity Boxing Club NYC.