

## **Bio**

**Susan Fredericks is a professional pianist, composer and filmmaker from Chicago. She was classically trained but augmented her studies to include an immersion in the improvisational medium of jazz.**

**Her work draws from a myriad of influences including Debussy, Keith Jarrett, Chick Corea, Bartok, McCoy Tyner and Bud Powell. The line is the mainspring from where her compositions arise, the pieces always steeped in the traditions but focused on the beauty of the melody first and foremost, building the foundational harmonies and rhythms accordingly.**

**Her degrees include an MBA from Benedictine University, Bachelor of Arts in Music from Chicago State University along with certificates in Web design and programming from The College of DuPage. She studied classical music extensively with pianist Yasuko Joichi and jazz improvisation with saxophonist Bunky Green, both, her prominent mentors.**

**Susan works professionally in and around Chicago in many orchestras, ensembles as well as solo piano engagements. She has performed in Europe, mainly Switzerland, Germany, Italy and France, and also in Mexico and the Caribbean.**

**She has recently founded MuseArte Media, an organization where musicians and artists collaborate to create fine art films that integrate original art works with original musical composition in order to express and communicate a unified message. As Susan states, “My goal is to find resonance in visual and musical art.”**