

# Helen Welch



## **Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star**

Singer, song-writer and actress Helen Welch was born and raised in Norwich, England. She made her television debut at age three on the popular children's program Romper Room ("I see Helen!"). Helen began studying the flute at age 11, and earned her flute teaching diploma at the London College of Music. She then found the singing bug, and never looked back.

## **The dizzying rise to Broadway**

Helen studied acting and singing before fully embarking on her new career. She landed starring roles in a string of popular musicals including Hello Dolly!, Barnum, 42nd Street, Oliver Twist, Calamity Jane, Show Boat, and Carousel. She also made her pantomime debut as 'Maid Marion' in Robin Hood, a traditional English Christmas show. A short time later, Helen decided on a whim to enter a singing competition--- the grand prize of which was a role in the smash-hit Lieber and Stoller musical Smokey Joe's Café on Broadway. Eight-hundred girls vied for the opportunity, but it was Helen who most impressed the judges and won. She

rehearsed briefly with the London cast before jetting to New York to join the Broadway production. A BBC camera crew accompanied Helen and captured the entire experience on film, which was made into a television documentary for the BBC.

## **London Calls**

After Helen's Broadway contract ended, she was presented with a number of opportunities, one of which was to work with some of the UK's finest big bands including Opus One, Glen Miller Europe and the BBC Big Band. Unable to bypass this invaluable experience, she moved to London, and soon became a fixture in some of the West End's most popular performance spaces, including The Savoy, The Ritz and The Grosvenor House Great Room.

## **On to Cleveland**

A passionate intercontinental love affair, brought Helen to Cleveland to marry her husband Doug and she then moved to the U.S. in April of 2003.

Helen regularly performs at celebrated area-establishments including Nighttown, The Carousel Dinner Theatre and Cain Park. She performs regularly with the Cleveland Pops Orchestra and The Cleveland Jazz Orchestra and has appeared on all the great stages in the region including The Allen Theatre at Playhouse Square, The Packard Music Hall, Severance Hall, Blossom, The Kent Stage, and Akron's Civic Theater.

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