

JEARLYN STEELE

Singer/speaker/tv entertainment reporter/radio talk show host

Jearlyn is a member of the internationally acclaimed family, The Steeles, who have performed from Carnegie Hall to Brazil and to the Super Bowl Live Verizon stage in 2018. Recently, Jearlyn and The Steeles were a part of the 2022 (Prince) Celebration at Paisley Park in Chanhassen, Minnesota. For more than a decade, she has been the Entertainment Reporter for Twin Cities Public Television's award-winning political show *Almanac* interviewing local, national, and international acts. As a keynote speaker, facilitator, and emcee, Jearlyn has inspired audiences around the country and the Caribbean. Maintaining her four-hour Sunday night radio show called Steele Talk'n on WCCO Radio 830AM, has been a joy for twenty-five years. Developing and delivering her TedX Talk in 2016 offered a revisit of her Personal Values Statement, which has emboldened her as a woman, mother, entertainer, and student.

Musically, she has performed with the Minnesota Orchestra, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Prince, Mavis Staples and more. She was a frequent special guest on the national radio broadcast *A Prairie Home Companion* performing duets with music greats Carole King and Elvis Costello. Her vocal talents landed her a feature in the Robert Altman film, *A Prairie Home Companion* starring Meryl Streep, Lily Tomlin, Woody Harrelson, Tommy Lee Jones, and Garrison Keillor.

Jearlyn has served on Boards for Chrysalis—a women's resource center and the Ordway Circle of Stars, who unite children with the world of art. She is currently pursuing a Master of Arts degree in Leadership and Innovation in Ministry at Luther Seminary St. Paul, MN.

In 2016, an *Honorary Doctorate* degree was conferred upon her by the University of Indianapolis and in October 2019, she received an *Emmy* for narrator of the TPT documentary, *Flour Power*. Jearlyn is a mother of two and a grandmother of three.

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