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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — A "beautiful" and "well-executed" performance of *What a Wonderful World*, as described by Grammy Award-winning artist Kelly Clarkson, earned Illinois Wesleyan University Adjunct Assistant Professor of Music [Melinda Rodriguez](#) a continuing spot on NBC's *The Voice*.

Rodriguez, who teaches vocal jazz at Illinois Wesleyan, was selected by both Clarkson and fellow Grammy Award-winner Gwen Stefani, during the show's "Blind Auditions" on Monday, Sept. 30. Rodriguez chose to join Clarkson's team.

A Miami, Florida native, Rodriguez lives in Champaign, Illinois and attends graduate school at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign while working two jobs in addition to her teaching role with Illinois Wesleyan's [School of Music](#).

Earlier this year, Rodriguez was named the winner of the 3rd Annual Ella Fitzgerald Jazz Vocal Competition from a field of 50 registrants, representing 16 states and seven countries from around the world.

The Voice airs on Monday and Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. this fall on NBC.



Adjunct Assistant Professor of Music Melinda Rodriguez performed *What a Wonderful World* during NBC's *The Voice* Blind Auditions.

By John Twork