

bio

Melanie Johnson was born and raised in Montreal, PQ, where she began singing in her local church as a soloist and choir member at a very young age. She also participated in adjudicated music festivals, where she consistently won first prize.

Since then, Melanie has undertaken six years of intense classical voice training with renowned classical singer/instructor Phyllis Mailing. Melanie is also a 1986 Kiwanis Music Festival award winner.

The possession of a wide vocal range allows Melanie to sing in almost any key and style! Early inspirations included a diverse range of performers including Karen Carpenter, Barbara Streisand and Aretha Franklin. She is also comfortable performing songs in the style of Billie Holiday and Sarah Vaughn as well as the compositions of Frank Sinatra and Anita Baker.

Since completion of her studies at Capilano College, Melanie has been a busy performer in the Vancouver area. Some highlights of her career include performing concerts at such venues as the Vancouver East Cultural Centre, North Vancouver Presentation House and the Vancouver Art Gallery.

Melanie's musical endeavors consist of extensive studio engagements for CD projects and demos, including work at Grapevine Studios and concert opportunities in co-operation with local singer/songwriter John McLachlan.

Melanie was a member of the vocal ensemble Pandora's Vox, singing a variety of styles in 2 & 4-part harmony. The group performed at private functions and held concerts in local churches and concert halls. They also recorded the CD, "In Treble" at CBC Studios, Vancouver, BC which was released in the fall of 1995.

Over the years, Melanie has performed at weddings and with various instrumental ensembles at Vancouver venues including: The Blue Note Dinner Club, The Hotel Vancouver's Roof Restaurant, The Vancouver Aquarium, The Glass Slipper and Seven Seas Piano Room in North Vancouver.

Notable Highlights:

She also enjoyed a longstanding engagement at Listel O-Doul's Hotel Restaurant on Robson Street and performed regularly with the kind-hearted and talented Linton Garner at Rossini's in Kitsilano.



Melanie had a fantastic opportunity to perform as the opening act for world renowned jazz pianist McCoy Tyner in concert at Rossini's in Gastown, Vancouver.

Other highlights of her career include a nine-month contract singing club performances in Tokyo and Osaka Japan. In 1998, she co-founded the group, "Standard Time Trio" with Bruce Fernandes performing dance band favorites for the cruise ship lines over the last 14 years.

With smooth renditions, classy arrangements and a touch of groove, Melanie has performed in many diverse environments thus proving herself to be very versatile, with the ability to provide you with the entertainment you require!