

Ingrid D. Johnson

ARTIST CV

Ingrid D. Johnson is a Jamaican/Canadian, published poet, singer-songwriter, spoken word recording artist and short experimental, narrative, filmmaker who is passionate about creating uplifting music and using her story to inspire positive social change.

Based in Winnipeg, along with her band, The Funky Fresh Crew, Ingrid D. Johnson offers an original mix of love songs & 60's type, uplifting, message music with a blend of Jazz, Pop, Soul and R&B music. In addition to offering songwriting workshops with her band and public speaking engagements on overcoming adversity to at-risk youth.

PERFORMANCES & CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2018

* Paid Live Performances @ RibFest, Steinbach Summer in the city Festival, The Handsome Daughter, Shannon's Irish Pub & Rock'n for Choices Concert @ The Manitoba Youth Center.

2017

* Two (2) shows @ Canada Summer Games, Manitoba Music / New Music Night , Invitation to showcase at The Launch Music Conference and Festival in Lancaster, PA. Invitation, National Anthem at The Piston's Hockey Game in Steinbach .

2016

* Performed at The Bell Tower Community Cafe, Showcased at The Objective in Nashville, TN

2015

* 2015 (Two) live music concerts at **The Manitoba Youth Centre.**

* **Songwriter's workshop** retreat presented in partnership with VOICES Manitoba Youth in Care

- * 2015 Performed live at **The 28th Fringe Festival in Winnipeg & The Summer in The City Festival** (Steinbach MB)
- * 2015 Release of Album, *Visions and Dreams*, at The Purple Room at The Frame.
- * 2015 Speaking Engagement at Girl Guides through Passages Canada. Received
- * Feature promotion on Shaw TV for, *Visions and Dreams*, album.

2014

- * 2014 Ongoing radio airplay for the album What About Love? on WNJR Radio in Washington State.

2013

- * Invited to showcase @ MeowCon (Musicians for Equal Opportunities for Women Convention) in Austin, Texas.

2012

- * Release of Debut Album “*What About Love?*” Oct.7th and “Come Back” Music video .
- * Moderator for the Cultural Awareness Workshop for Congress of Black Women of MB / Black History Month

2011

- * Chosen by The Manitoba Women' s Advisory Council and Mentoring Artist's for Women's Art (MAWA) in October 2011 to be honored in a government publication, Women in The Arts. Artists Working for Social Change.
- * Received full funding from The Canada Arts Council and Factor for the album “What About Love?”

2010

- * Featured in The Winnipeg Sun & Album Wounded Soul charted # 5 on Canadian College Radio
- * Invited to perform and Speak @ The Canadian Red Cross RespectED: Violence and Abuse Prevention program Youth Conference.

2009

- * 2009 Released the compilation album Wounded Soul Vol 1&2 and Launched, In The Closet Productions, at The Winnipeg Art Gallery.
- * Feature interview on CJOB & CTV News.

- * Launched poetry book *Wounded Souls* @ McNally Robinson Bookstore Grant Park and started performing live with my band The Funky Fresh Crew.

2008

- * Short film, *The Real Women*, shown at Hawaii Girl Fest Film festival (USA debut)

2007

- * Short film, *The Real Women*, shown at The Reel World Film Festival (Canada Debut)
- * 2007 Offered distribution deal for the short film, *The Real Woman*, from Ouata Media and released 8 co-written songs on the debut album, *Flo*.
- * Wrote, performed and Directed “The Real Woman” as a short, experimental, narrative video and entered into short film festivals.
- * Received funding from The Winnipeg arts council to attend Film screening in Toronto.
- * Attended **Book Expo Canada** in Toronto with funding from The Winnipeg Arts Council.
- * Met famous children’s Author, Robert Munsch, who ordered a copy of my poetry Book “Little Black butterfly in iridescent Sunlight”.
- * 2007 Formally invited by **The Governor General** to The Governor Generals Forum for The Arts at The Graffiti Gallery.

2006

- * 2006 CD release of the spoken word CD, *Black Butterfly*, with national media coverage from **Bravo! News & CBC National News**. The show helped to raise money for KLINIC’s Sexual Assault Program
- * Produced a **CBC National Radio Documentary** for CBC Outfront.

2005

- * Wrote my first song “Tired”, released on the album *Flo*
- * 2005 Launch of my 1st Poetry Book “Little Black Butterfly in Iridescent Sunlight” which became #5 on McNally Robinson’s local Bestseller’s list.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

May 2012 - July 2014 Private Vocal Training with Bruce Moore of Grace Note Productions

February 2011 - December 2016 Private Piano lessons with Erika Romualdo

May 2007 - December 2010 Vocal Training at The Manitoba Music Conservatory with Martin Wilson.

WORKSHOPS & OTHER SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- * July 2014 Co-facilitated my first youth songwriting workshop at St.Aidan's Summer school with new immigrants.
- * October 2013 - Invited to **MEOW CON** in Austin, Texas (U.S.A) to perform live and do a reading of my poetry book, Wounded Soul.
- * February 2010 - Speaker & Live Music Performer at Red Cross's Youth Leadership Conference.
Speaker and live performer @ The Laurel Center's 25th Anniversary Gala.

CERTIFICATES & AWARDS

- * 2012 Semi-Finalist Certificate given by The U.K Songwriting Contest for my song "*On My Own*" and "*Come Back*".
- * October 2011 Honoured by The Manitoba Status of Women in 2011 Publication Women Artists Working for Social Change for my music.
- * January 2007 Received Business Start Program Certificate through Manitoba Business Service Centre.