

**Ingrid D.Johnson** is a Jamaican/Canadian, published poet, singer-songwriter, public speaker, spoken word recording artist, podcaster, Etsy shop owner, and short experimental filmmaker.

Passionate about being "a voice for the voiceless," Johnson shares her story and offers an original mix of uplifting Jazz, Pop, Soul, and R&B music that is catchy and socially conscious.

Immigrating to Canada at the tender age of four, suffering through the impact of childhood sexual abuse, and living in the child welfare system provided Ingrid D.Johnson, with a lot of inspiration for writing poems about her journey. Powerful poetry that would become the manuscript for her first local best-selling book of poetry in 2005 and original songs, recorded and performed live with the help of her band of over 10 years, The Funky Fresh Crew.

Honored by The Manitoba Women's s Advisory Council and Mentoring Artist's for Women's Art (MAWA) in October 2011 to be promoted in the government publication: Women in The Arts. Artists Working for Social Change, Ingrid D. Johnson's company, In The Closet Productions, mission and vision to be "a voice for the voiceless" (using original music and art to help raise awareness and funding for important social issues, like the impact of childhood sexual abuse) were confirmed.

In 2010, Johnson was the spokesperson for the clients of The Laurel Centre (a community resource center that counsels sexually abused women with addictions). Her music was promoted on Bravo! News, CBC national radio and news, CTV news, Shaw T.V. The Winnipeg Sun, The Winnipeg Free Press, Hot 103, CJOB. And she also had opportunities to perform her music live and speak at MEOW CON, The Objective, The Canadian Red Cross RespectED: Violence and Abuse Prevention program, KLINIC, VOICES Manitoba Youth in Care Network, Winnipeg schools, The Manitoba Youth Centre, an online interview and musical performance on CBC's Annual Manitoba Harvest Fundraiser. In addition to receiving opportunities to play her music at The Red River Exhibition (2021), Ellice & Sakihwe Street Festival (2021) and showcase her music with her band in Austin, Texas (2013), Nashville, TN (2016), Pennsylvania (2017), and MONDO.NYC (2019).

Stay tuned for her upcoming album "Dreamer" and memoir "Beauty for Ashes," coming soon.