



jessi nicholson

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j e s s i

Vancouver, BC Canada

"I walked into a jam packed crowd who couldn't take their eyes off her and her amazingly soulful band. Jessi has the charisma and the talent that reflects old school R&B to the max . I will be recommending Jessi highly to anyone who asks."

GaryTaylor
Executive VP, International Canadian Music Week



jessi is a visionary whose music elevates human beings on a **soul** level.

An **artist** and **story teller**; her experiences and *intuitive wisdom* pulse through her music; she sings of "creating your own reality", "self empowerment" and "inner healing".

Inspired by artists such as **Michael Franti, Zero 7, India Arie** and **Stevie Wonder**, **jessi** is certain of her higher calling as a service to "the people".

jessi is leading a *Soul Revolution* and simultaneously rides that higher *vibration!*

~ an urban organic prairie soulstress rooted on the west coast ~

bio

jessi is focused on her message and tuned in to her vision. With an **authenticity** in her music that allows her to communicate with her audience on a **SOUL** level, people are immediately **inspired** to listen.

Originally from *Saskatchewan* this West Coast soulstress is a songwriter who believes in the power of being truly **present** and **vulnerable** in her writing and live performances.

This proves to be true as one can actually witness barriers falling. As her music progresses, the divide between her and the audience fades, leaving room for a rare **intimacy** and **energy**.

jessi's gift inspires **positive thought**, stir souls, **expands minds** and **penetrates hearts** through soul music.

Her focus on intricate background vocals decorates her smooth, soulful band sound, combining keys, bass, drums and guitar interlaced at times with a taste of electronica samples and sounds.

Some of her live appearances have included the *Vancouver Olympic Celebrations "I Heart Van Art"*, *Vancouver Fashion & Music Week, Opening Act for "Ne-yo"*, *Hope Music Festival and numerous nightclubs and events.*

A cool mix of **soul, r&b** and **reggae** with hints of **electronica**, and her music's ability to reach any age make **jessi nicholson** a new focus in the local and quite potentially **global music communities...**

"I compare her to...Aretha Franklin and a bit of Morcheeba. To hear her perform you just think...okay record labels, you guys better start trying to sign her. It's kind of like going to a Tina Turner concert except it's Michael Franti and Spearhead!"

(Laurie Dawson 90.1 CJSF Radio)

“...She truly reminded me of Juno award winning artist Divine Brown!”

(Ron Cheng “Ronatron Music Reviews”)

song list

(Original Material)

Freedom

I Choose

On Your Way

Healing From The Inside

Courage My Love

Magic Spell

In My Grace

Let Flow

A Little Bit



* A selection of covered material may be added to enhance the number of songs already present. Selections include music by artists such as India Arie, Michael Franti, Corinne Bailey Rae, Bob Marley, Zero7, Esthero and Erykah Badu.

live appearances

DATE	VENUE	CITY
June 5 2010	Railway Club (Elephant Train CD Release)	Vancouver, BC
May 21 2010	Vancouver City Limits (Rowing Club)	Vancouver, BC
May 8 2010	Biltmore Cabaret (Fashion Event)	Vancouver, BC
May 1 2010	Wise Hall (Private Party)	Vancouver, BC
March 13 2010	Liberty Bistro	Toronto, ON
March 13 2010	U of T Radio CIUT FM Interview	Toronto, ON
March 5&6 2010	Falconettis Nightclub w/Paige Morgan	Vancouver, BC
Feb 26 2010	I Heart Van Art (Main Stage)	Vancouver, BC
Feb 18 2010	Studio 121 – Blu Zula Concert Series	Vancouver, BC
Feb 18 2010	Vancouver Fashion & Music Week	Vancouver, BC
Feb 6 2010	Michael J. Fox Theatre	Vancouver, BC
Feb 5 2010	S. Delta Baptist Church (Haiti)	Delta, BC
Jan 31 2009	Rooted at the Source	Vancouver, BC
Dec 18 2009	Backstage Lounge w/ Freeflow	Vancouver, BC
Dec 13 2009	Falconettis Nightclub	Vancouver, BC
Nov 28 2009	Raw Canvas Lounge	Vancouver, BC
Nov 28 2009	Interview – CJSF Radio (Laurie Dawson)	Vancouver, BC
Sept 27 2009	Ismaili Walk For Women (Soul Sistahs)	Vancouver, BC
Sept 17 2009	Biltmore Cabaret w/ Jackee Guillou	Vancouver, BC
Sept 12 2009	"F Word Radio" Interview CoOp Radio	Vancouver, BC
June 16 2009	"F Word Radio" Fundraiser Event	Vancouver, BC
June 4 2009	Backstage Lounge w / 11 Hour Orchestra	Vancouver, BC
Mar 6 2009	Trees Organic Coffee House	Vancouver, BC
Dec 13 2008	Tsawwassen Arts Center	Delta, BC
Dec 7 2008	Backstage Lounge	Vancouver, BC
Oct 28 2008	Backstage Lounge	Vancouver, BC
Aug 18 2008	King George Park Gathering Place	Vancouver, BC
Aug 17 2008	Civic Square Metrotown	Burnaby, BC
June 24 2008	Maxine's Hideaway	Vancouver, BC
June 11 2008	Maxine's Hideaway	Vancouver, BC
June 11 2008	Backstage Lounge	Vancouver, BC
April 30 2008	Backstage Lounge	Vancouver, BC
Feb 2 2008	The Yale Hotel	Vancouver, BC
Dec 14 2007	Radha Yoga & Eatery	Vancouver, BC
Jan 19 2007	Cottage Bistro	Vancouver, BC
Jan 13 2007	Radha Yoga & Eatery	Vancouver, BC
Jan 11 2007	Ginger 62	Vancouver, BC
Sept 2004	Dregs Rock Bottom: The Musical (feat. "Freedom")	North Van., BC

jessi's bio & supporting band

Jessi Nicholson (Lead Vocals/Band Leader) received her **B.Mus.Ed.** in **voice** at the **University of Regina** in 2001; she is now Vancouver based. She moved to Vancouver in 2003 with the intention of developing her music career and has performed in an array of nightclubs, cafes and other special events. Jessi has been teaching voice for 19 years and is the **Artistic Director** of the **Rooted Concert Series**, coproducing "**Rooted & Beyond**" for emerging young artists larger scale events for emerging professional adult music artists. You can also catch her singing with Vancouver's "**Soul Sistahs**". Jessi will be releasing her first solo EP "**Freedom Sessions**" in **2010**, plans to do a **BC Tour** and intends to showcase as well as apply to festivals. She has shared the stage with **Ne-Yo, Jesse Antoine (Tina Turner), Lisa Brokop, Chilliwack, Odetta** and **Valdi** and hopes with all of her heart and soul to one day open for **Miss India Arie**.

Mary Ancheta (Keys/Vocals) A freelance touring keyboardist, singer, songwriter, composer for film and television, programmer, producer, and an audio engineer. She has toured Internationally throughout Europe, North America, and South East Asia sharing the stage with acts such as **Bjork, Mute Math, Interpol, Helmet, Fishbone, M.I.A., The Vincent Black Shadow, Hawksley Workman, John Mayer, Artic Monkeys, Bocephus King, Nickleback,**

Jay Leonard Juatco (Guitar/Vocals) is a graduate from the **Berklee College of Music** in **Boston, MA**. As a guitarist, he has performed across **North America** and **Asia**, appearing on the **Fox Morning Show** and the **Venetian Macao**, as well as recorded music for various artists and companies including **Kyocera** and **AIG**.

Ryan Davis (Drums/Percussion) Graduated from the **Selkirk College Professional Music Program** in Nelson, BC. He is constantly touring, recording and playing all styles of music with numerous bands and ensembles including **FREEFLOW**. With all of his success, however, he continues to strive to become better and looks forward to many more gigs with any other musical ventures he takes on.

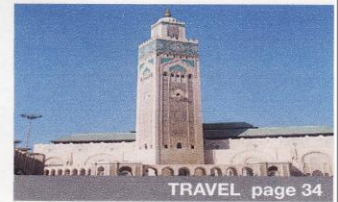
David Marion (Bass) is from Paris, France. There, he attend **C.I.M.** and later **Berklee College**. He had the opportunity to take lessons with the great **VICTOR WOOTEN** from Bela Fleck and the Flecktones, **STEVE BAILEY** and **ADAM NITTI** at the Bass/Nature Camp in Nashville, TN. David's mentors and influences include **LARRY GRAHAM, MARCUS MILLER, PRINCE** and **MILES DAVIS**.

Malcolm Aiken (Trumpet) His music blends influences of *jazz, R&B, and Afro-Cuban* music; musical director for *Latin-Jazz* band, **TANGA**. He studied in **New York, San Francisco** and at the **Banff Center** with a **Master's degree** from the **University of British Columbia**. Shared the stage with **Chucho Valdez, Hugh Fraser** and **Bubi Chen**, and performed for the **Dalai Lama, Reverend Desmond Tutu** and **Sharin Abadi**. Malcolm has performed in concerts throughout **Canada, the US, Indonesia, Taiwan, China, Germany, Holland** and the **UK**. He recently finished an **Australian tour**, promoting his latest original album, "*Paper Star*".

Michelle Yuen (Background Vocals) has been influencing Vancouver's music scene for over ten years, bringing both energy and intimacy to the stage. A vocal chameleon, Michelle fronts the **Michelle Yuen Trio** as well as the highly popular disco band, **Boogieland Express** and has appeared in a number of *Jessie award winning* musicals. When she's off the stage, Michelle teaches voice, piano and musical theatre.

Anand Greenwell (Saxophone) is a freelance musician who plays sax & bass. He is also a recording engineer. He is lead saxophonist for Vancouver band "**11 Hour Orchestra**" and a number of local Vancouver music acts.

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Nicholson embarks on journey

Singer/songwriter to debut new show at Tsawwassen Arts Centre next Saturday

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South Delta is one of the stops on Jessi Nicholson's journey.

The singer, songwriter and pianist will be at the Tsawwassen Arts Centre next Saturday with her band for the premiere performance of *Journey into Eye*, a live concert that represents some new avenues of music for Nicholson.

"The songs represent the journey that we're all on in life and more specifically, as people who are endeavouring to be creative or artists. Everybody has their own individual journey."

The music in the show is a combination of soul and funk combined with a "hint of jazz and a hint of gypsy," says Nicholson, who notes she has Romanian gypsy roots.

"Part of that, I guess, is when you think about ... your journey, it's as much about looking into the future as it is looking into your history."

There's even some reggae, a "new facet" of what she's exploring in music, worked into the mix.

Nicholson, who came to the West Coast from Saskatchewan and who lists artists like Erykah Badu, Lauryn Hill, Stevie Wonder, Esthero, Etta James and Eva Cassidy as musical influences, aims to connect with the audience.

"The show is made to be a genuine storytelling, not only about my own journey but also trying to draw a parallel between what I'm going through and what every person in the audience is going through," she says. "I talk about things like stepping into your power, healing old wounds, and also discovering and embracing your own authentic truth, the truth of who you are."

She intends to perform "as much as possible" in the Lower Mainland and other parts of B.C. and possibly head back to Saskatchewan for some shows.

Nicholson, who's had numerous performances in Vancouver and has been involved in a few different musical

projects, is now working on her first full-length CD.

She hopes to release the album, also titled *Journey into Eye*, "at some point between 2009 and 2010."

"It's definitely a slow process, speaking with producers [and] just making a lot of small decisions along the way that will hopefully lead to exactly what I'm looking for," Nicholson says.

Opening acts for the Tsawwassen show include Chantel Upshaw and Paige Kieselbach.

Nicholson thinks highly of Upshaw's work.

"I think the woman is brilliant. Her music is unique. It's sort of soul/pop but she's got her own flare. She's definitely a storyteller. She's just got

a fluid vocal range that brings you in and doesn't let you go until the bitter end."

Kieselbach, a 16-year-old from Richmond, is a vocal student of

"Everybody has their own individual journey."

Jessi Nicholson

Nicholson's.

A former top five finalist in the David Foster Star Search contest, this will be Kieselbach's first time as an opening performer.

"She's definitely somebody who needs to be heard," says Nicholson.

The show is set for Saturday, Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. at the Tsawwassen Arts Centre, 1172-56th St. Tickets cost \$20 in advance or \$22 at the door for adults and \$18 in advance or \$20 at the door for students. Call 604-943-9787 for tickets.

To hear samples of Nicholson's music visit www.myspace.com/jessinicholson.

Check out www.jessinicholson.com or www.deltaartscouncil.com for more information.

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Singer/songwriter Jessi Nicholson will debut her show, titled *Journey into Eye*, at the Tsawwassen Arts Centre next Saturday.



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Jessi Nicholson at The Backstage Lounge

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“Jessi came on...to a packed crowd at The Backstage Lounge. It’s not every Thursday this venue gets crammed, so I bow down to you Jessi for bringing out such a huge and supportive audience.

The spotlight shined on all the musicians, and wasn’t focused solely on Jessi. It was more of a band dynamic, as opposed to a solo performance, where each member showcased their talent. Randy played amazing solo after solo, all the while rapping and working the crowd. Dave, who’s also the bass player for **Eric Solomon**, matched Randy’s solo with one of his own and wowed the audience with his intricate bass lines. Back-up singers Megan and Coralie created beautiful harmonies to coincide with Jessi’s majestic and soulful voice.

And it being Jessi’s night, she performed with passion and energy that really kept the crowd moving. She has one of those amazingly powerful voices that could hold a note for all of eternity (if she wanted to of course...) and shatter glass (not a good idea to do in a bar...). She truly reminded me of **Juno award winning** artist **Divine Brown** and at times, even reminded me a little bit of the **Jackson 5** (strange I know, but I can only tell you what I hear!). It seemed effortless every time she struck a note. Sure she has an amazing voice, but she was also gracious for all the support she got that night. For her to take the time and thank the audience, and truly mean it, was good enough for me to be impressed.”

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The Province PLAYLIST

Featured artist

DANIEL WESLEY: "Diggy"

Through years of forming and fronting bands around Vancouver, Wesley also managed to produce and record a trio of indie albums and two years ago hit pay dirt with a hooky and contagious little bit of confection called "Ooo Oh" cast in his usual good timin' reggae rock/pop feel.

It did big business here on our coast and broke him in the east, getting him nominated for a radio award at Toronto's Canadian Music Week that year. It made for a great calling card.

For his fourth, self-titled album released last October, Wesley joined Chad Kroeger and Jonathan Simkin's 604 Records and, frankly, it was a relief.

Now he has a whole team of people helping with all the myriad minutiae of running a music career. He even farmed out — well, partially loaned — the production duties to Dave Genn who you'll know from the Dave Matthews Band and 54/40.

"He's got a big heart," says Wesley, "and he's hugely musical in every aspect, on multiple instruments or arranging or producing, making sure he gets the best performance out of you. He was great."

Today's featured free download is "Diggy."

"It's one of the most popular songs on the album," says Wesley, "and when we play live we usually start the set off with it. It just kinda snaps you into it, you know?"

"I was in Costa Rica a couple years ago and I was just hanging out on the beach with some friends. We had made a big dinner and were just sitting around and I had the guitar and started singing that 'diggy-diggy-dig-dig.' People were laughing and clapping along and I didn't know what the hell to do after that."

"After a few weeks I got the rest of the melody down but it was all really spontaneous. I don't really know where it came from."

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Daniel Wesley came up with 'Diggy' while in Costa Rica.

Also on the Province Playlist this week

SCOTT DRISCOLL "Two Hearts"	SCOTT JACKSON "When You Gonna Come Down"	THE SOME "40 Years (Live)"
GEORGIA MURRAY "Two Cents"	JESSI NICHOLSON "Healing From the Inside"	RICK STAVELLY "Man For the Job"

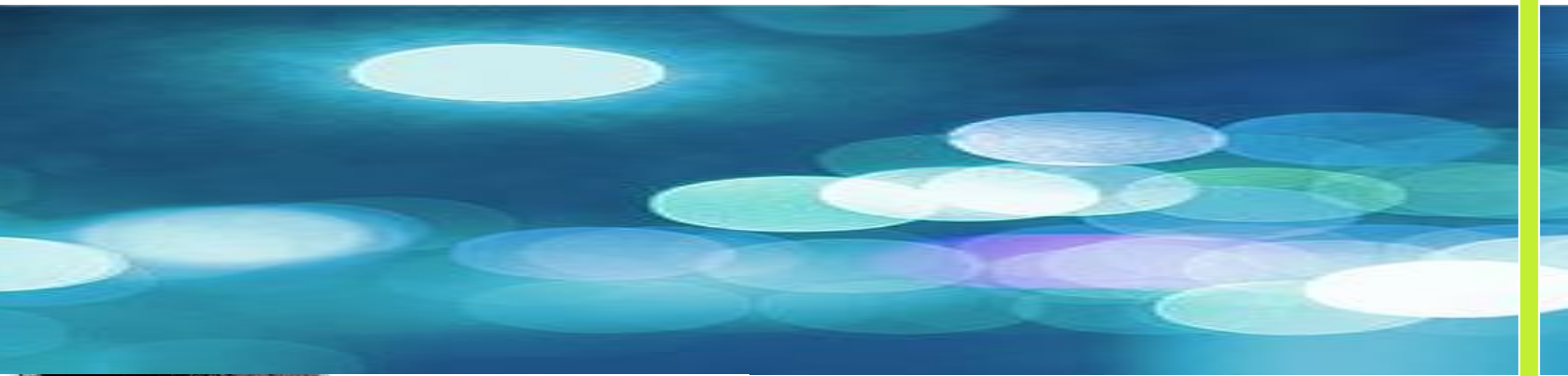
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“...one fine day it’ll come to me and then the truth will set me free. My state of mind, the ties that bind me to livin’ the life that I don’t wanna lead. One day I’m gonna rise up singin’ spreadin’ love and joy to those who listen.....”

~ Jessi Nicholson ~

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