

# Julie McGregor

Jazz Vocalist / Songwriter



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JULIE MCGREGOR is a jazz vocalist, songwriter, and storyteller with a rich tone, soulful resonance, and rhythmic style. Inspired by a mix of jazz legends like Shirley Horn, Carmen McRae, Blossom Dearie, Abbey Lincoln, and the timeless Ella Fitzgerald, she traverses the musical landscape with finesse. Julie molds her musical craft into a tapestry of sound offering fresh interpretations of jazz/funk/R&B-tinged renditions of 60s and 70s pop covers, to popular jazz standards and great renditions of tunes like “Invitation, Bird Alone, You Don’t Know What Love is” to hidden gems of obscurity.

Julie released a single, *Nearness of You*, in 2006. Julie’s first CD, *Speak Low*, was recorded with Neil Swainson, Bernie Senensky, and Norman Marshall Villeneuve. She was nominated for Best New Jazz Artist at the New Music Awards at the Burlington Jazz Festival. She was part of The Singer’s Jazz Series at the Toronto Jazz Festival in 2013, 2014, and 2015. These shows were always packed with enthusiastic audiences and featured the late Norm Amadio, a Canadian Jazz legend on piano. Julie made an album accompanied by Norm Amadio on piano with George Koller on bass.

Julie has performed at various clubs, concert halls and hotels, including The Richmond Hill Performing Arts Centre, Yonge-Dundas Square, Brassaii, The Four Seasons Yorkville, Guelph University, The Old Mill, The Brickworks, Universal Events, The Imperial Room, The Spoke Club, The TIFF building, and The Pearson Centre. She sang with a 10-piece band for a James Bond Show at The King Edward Hotel and performed at events for Facebook, Samsung, Remax and Lululemon.

Julie typically collaborates with Matt Newton, Nancy Walker, Clark Johnston, Jon Myer, Scott Neilson, William Sperandei, Kevin Dempsey, Ethan Ardelli and Ted Warren, and many other great musicians. Performing together for almost 10 years, they create an intimate and electrifying atmosphere wherever they play.

Julie is an accomplished fine artist who has exhibited at The Varley Gallery, Tom Thompson, Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, John B. Aird Gallery, Rodman Hall, Leonardo Gallery Yorkville, The Hummingbird Centre and Tom Thomson Gallery.