



ANNIKA

Performer. Entertainer.

ANNIKA's ability to capture audiences comes not just from her musical charisma, but from a refreshingly authentic and often comedic personality.

Vocalist
Pianist
Host
Actress

Music Accolades

- Winner of the Calgary Stampede Talent Search (2012)
- Winner of the Calgary International Blues Festival Competition (2010)
- Top 11 Finalist on Season 5 of CTV's Canadian Idol (2007)
- Winner of Calgary High School Idol (2007)
- Runner-up of Calgary Junior Idol (2004)
- Winner of multiple Kiwanis Music Festival Awards (2001-2009)

Career Highlights

- Nominated for 3 YYC Music Awards: Single OTY ("Encore"), Solo Artist OTY, Country Recording OTY ("Encore") (2022)
- Semi-Finalist in the Boots & Hearts Emerging Artist Showcase (August 2022)
- Debut solo album has accumulated over 700K streams to date
- Named iHeart Radio Future Star (July/August 2021)
- Lead Singer of country duo, Leaving Thomas (2014-2020)
- Co-writer of over 100 songs to date, including co-writes with Nashville heavy hitters such as Carolyn Dawn Johnson, Phil Barton, Brian White, Patricia Conroy, and most famously, Liz Rose
- Host of the Calgary Stampede Grandstand Show (2016)

Music Training

- Private voice lessons with Alberta-based vocal coach, Patrice Barnes (2001-2012)
- Grade 9 certificate for classical piano from the Royal Conservatory of Music (2005)

Musical Theatre

- Performed as an actress in over 20 major musical theatre productions in Calgary (2000 - 2010)
- Nominated for a CAT Award for Outstanding Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical (2009)
- Nominated for Outstanding Performance by a Leading Actress in a Play (2006)

Performance Highlights

- Showcase performance at Canadian Music Week in Toronto, ON (2023)
- Feature Performer at the Brett x Brett Garden Party (2022)
- Performed a SOLD OUT EP release show (May 2022)
- Feature Performer at the Dave Kelly Live: Jann Arden Tribute Show (2020)
- Feature performer at Brett X Brett Christmas Concert (2019 & 2020)
- Performed at various festivals across the country with Leaving Thomas (2015-2019)
- Performed around the world - notable cities include: Nashville, TN; New York City, NY; Minneapolis, MN; Bangkok, TH; Stavanger, NO; Toronto, ON (2012 - 2018)
- Performed at the CCMA Week Songwriter Series (2017 & 2019)
- Performed "in the round" at The Bluebird Café in Nashville, TN (2018)
- Performed at The Birdland Jazz Club in New York City, NY (2017)
- Performed as a piano bar entertainer for various cruise lines (Holland America Line, Princess Cruises, Norwegian Cruise Line, Azamara Cruises, and Celebrity Cruise Line) (2012-2017)
- Feature performer at the Calgary Stampede Grandstand Show (2014)
- Headlined MTV's anti-trafficking event, "Freedom For Others," in Bangkok, Thailand (2014)
- Performed at Canada's Olympic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony (2014)
- Performed alongside internationally recognized artists such as Loverboy, Colin James, Trooper, and American Idol winner, Taylor Hicks.