



Ms. Maxine is a sultry songstress known for her dynamic range while passionately strumming an acoustic guitar & endearing the crowd with inspired musings & tales of tantalizing travels. She is the creative force fronting “*One Wish*” a cocktail of stellar players from Victoria & Vancouver, BC. Her original music has a distinctive flavour of its own, yet heartfelt & thoughtfully crafted alternative rock with pop sensibilities comes to mind, offering a rich feast of freedom from the chaos of daily living. If you dig soulful vocals, sexy, syncopated rhythms, seductive samples & solid solos, you might just fall in love.



Ms. Maxine's voice has often been likened to *Joan Armatrading* & *Grace Slick* & with the release of her debut album, *Serena Ryder*. She first shared & developed her original compositions while working on her live show with her Mom, *Ann Marie Thompson* playing bass, *Bill Weber* on drums, harmonica & saxophone & *Devin Eeg* &/or *Peter Taschuk* on lead guitar. Then in August 2012, *Ms. Maxine* brought her tunes to a few gifted Vancouver musicians to see what would evolve in the process of recording live off the floor together. Her ambitious 10 song debut is a result of a collaborative, organic, creative process between like-minded souls. Featured on *Ms. Maxine's* debut are *Ed Johnson* of *Edroom Studio*, producer, engineer, percussion & rhythm guitar, *Devin Eeg*, lead guitar, *Darryl Havers*,

piano, Rhodes keyboard, organ & seductive samples, *Ray Keesh*, bass, *Tim Porter*, lead & rhythm guitar, *Oldrich “Oz” Zitek*, tenor saxophone, *Lisa Maxine Kjernisted*, producer, lead vocals, harmonies & rhythm guitar, mastered by *Tony Chamberlist* of *Brown Bag Music*.

From a young age, *Lisa Maxine Kjernisted*, (pronounced “*cure-ni-sted*”), aka *Ms. Maxine* incessantly sang & harmonized with the classic music she heard growing up in the 1970's & 80's. She cut her first vinyl record in grade 7 as part of a ukulele orchestra, took piano lessons for the left hand & played 1st trumpet in high school band for 5 years. *Ms. Maxine* is a mother, school teacher, visual artist & classically-trained vocalist who suffered from debilitating stage fright. It wasn't until she discovered a deep love for singing the blues, jazz, rock & soul music from her past that her stage fright dissipated! This music also influences & informs *Ms. Maxine's* songwriting. She then started seriously studying guitar with *Peter Taschuk* as a means to accompany herself singing & connect with others. In the past 5 years, *Ms. Maxine* has honed her skills as a singer-songwriter as well as a unique style of rhythm guitar & left-handed piano playing. Considering she is contending with paralysis of her right hand, she reveals anything is possible with a strong will to work hard towards one's goals in the face of adversity. With a growing number of original songs, sincere lyrics of love, angst & deeper social issues tell a universal story we can all relate to.

Ms. Maxine charms & captivates audiences with her striking stage presence, endearing sense of humour & solid musicianship. In April 2014, she entered CBC's *Searchlight* & made the Top 25 Regionals, a milestone for her humble yet emerging musical career. *Ms. Maxine* has deemed her band members or those she has the opportunity to make music with her “*One Wish*” because she believes music is the most effective way to positively unite people from all walks of life. Creating peace & inspiring others to do so through music & art is *Ms. Maxine's* benevolent wish for humankind. *Ms. Maxine & One Wish'* album was officially released on June 21st, 2014. Be sure to check it out. We think you'll be pleasantly intrigued.



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