

HOLLY HYATT - Long Bio

Based in the stunningly beautiful Slocan Valley of BC, HOLLY HYATT is a vocalist, songwriter, acoustic and electric bass player. She released her debut solo album "Wild Heart" in the spring of 2019. "Wild Heart" is a full band production - complete with horns and organic sounding keyboards - that showcases Holly's highly evolved songwriting skills and incredibly soulful but smooth vocal abilities, "there's a confidence and an assurance of her craft in "Wild Heart" that testifies: This is an artist who has arrived at the peak of her powers" *Art Joyce*. "I am so excited about the songs on this album. They are really soulful, funky and fun, with themes of positivity, love and global empowerment throughout. I listen to the album and instantly feel happy. These are the songs I was born to sing!" *Holly Hyatt*.

Holly began singing, performing and songwriting at an early age. "My Dad was a professional musician, so I was brought up in a very musical environment. Some of my earliest memories are of traveling with him on the road, loading lots of gear and falling asleep to the sounds of his band playing late into the night." After taking her craft to coffee houses, bars, festivals and concerts - and even schools (where she went on to complete the Selkirk College Contemporary Music Program) - Holly then hit the road with Holly and Jon. They released four critically acclaimed albums, which were all co-produced by Holly. Their 2016 release "Shufflin' The Blues" was #1 on the RMR acoustic blues charts and their third album, "1929" received international radio airplay and was included in the top 10 best Canadian Blues albums of 2012.

In the fall of 2018 she released her Memphis Soul tinged single "River Flows" with an accompanying music video. "River Flows" premiered on Canadian Beats and received rave reviews from the music community. In March 2019 "River Flows" won Best Rhythm and Blues Song at the Kootenay Music Awards.

She is currently touring with her five piece band. Her Live show has been described as "Soul Blues meets R&B Singer songwriter, a dynamic set that leaves the listener feeling up lifted and inspired!" She has shared the stage with The Brubreck Brothers, jazz pianist Taylor Eigisti, Sonny Rhodes, Russell Jackson, Roy Forbes and Linda McCrea and has played on shows with the likes of Colin James, Ruthie Foster, The Trews, Dirty Dozen Brass Band and The Black Heritage Singers, among others. Holly has also been the opening act for Carlos Del Junco, Leon Russell, The Golden State Lonestar Revue, JW-Jones and worked on the promotion team for Merle Haggard's 2004 Canadian tour.

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