



Andréa Petrity

pianist | composer | arranger

Andréa was born and raised in Calgary, Alberta, Canada and began taking piano lessons at age 8. She began with classical piano lessons and exams through the Royal Conservatory of Music. She received a Diploma in Jazz & Contemporary Music Performance from Mount Royal College in Calgary.

Andréa has taken advantage of a variety of performing opportunities including opening for headline acts in Alberta, pianist in show bands on cruise ships for five and a half years, work with theatres, big bands, choirs, jazz festivals, studio recordings and composing/arranging projects.

Andréa's appreciation and love of many styles of music allows her to be versatile with her performances; from working as a solo pianist, piano/vocal duos, to larger varied ensembles and including a repertoire of jazz standards, popular, the Great American Songbook, Canadian Songbook as well as original compositions and arrangements.

Her solid reputation as a reliable and imaginative musician keeps Andréa very busy performing for public and private events in various venues throughout the Calgary area.

Andréa's debut CD, *"It's About Time"*, was released at the National Music Centre in Calgary in November 2014 with the support of regular trio members Stefano Valdo (bass) and Robin Tufts (drums) as well as saxophonist Pat Belliveau. The album highlights Andréa as a composer, arranger and leader featuring her original compositions and fresh arrangements of familiar standards. Andréa's CD has been very well received and has achieved airplay on Canadian College and Campus stations, CBC and CKUA radios including airplay throughout the U.S., Hawaii, South Africa, Australia and European stations. It has steadily appeared on the top 10 charts including #1 slots. Andréa has also appeared as guest for performances and interviews on CJSW radio since the CD release.

During the same year, Andréa recorded an EP, *"Canadian Songbook"* with MAPL Quintet of which she was co-leader. The recording has made the top charts on Canadian College Campus radio stations, U.S. radio, has remained #1 on CJSW charts consistently and has been played on CBC Radio Canada. The group puts their own spin on Canadian classic material as well as original compositions by band members.

Andréa's second CD *"What If I"* earned the YYCMUSIC award for Jazz Recording of the Year in 2020. This jazz piano trio album speaks of various styles, tempos and feels as the musical tales unfold and are expressed through Andréa and her trio members drummer Robin Tufts and bassist Stefano Valdo. Eight of the nine tracks on *"What If I"* are written by Andréa.

Her most recent music educational highlights has been taking part in summer workshops in Qualicum, BC during the years 2012-2023 which is led and taught by Canada's own Member of the Order of Canada/Juno Award winning jazz pianist/saxophonist/composer/educator/lawyer Phil Dwyer.

"What a fantastic night listening to Andréa Petrity at Lolita's Lounge! I knew it would be good; I've been a fan for years, but I never expected to be so moved and utterly entertained by her most recent compositions and arrangements. Andréa's music always tells a story – at times deeply personal, often playful. Her skill, talent and willingness to share make her not only an exceptional musician, but a truly great performer."

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