



## RACHELLE COURTNEY

Vocalist Rachelle Courtney has been performing professionally for the past ten years. After completing a Diploma of Musical Theatre at The Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts in Toronto, Rachelle went on to study at Humber College in their internationally acclaimed jazz program. Her talent and dedication were recognized when she was awarded the Thomas Kehoe Memorial Award in 2005 and the Glenfiddich Musical Achievement Award in 2007. Rachelle has performed at various concert halls, restaurants, bars, weddings and corporate functions across southern Ontario. She has also completed six contracts as a lounge singer with Celebrity and Holland America Cruise Lines, allowing her to tour the world. In 2005, she released her debut album "Unforgettable", which has been heard nation wide on radio stations including Canada's Premier Jazz Station 91.1 FM and has sold hundreds of copies internationally. Rachelle has performed with renowned musicians including Michael Burgess, Mark Dubois, Robi Botos, and Lori Cullen. She is currently completing graduate studies through a scholarship awarded by the University of Western Ontario, and is looking forward to achieving her Masters of Music in August 2010.

### **Performing Experience:**

#### **Cruise Ships:**

- 2008 - Celebrity Cruises - *Century* - Baltic, Mediterranean
- 2008 - Celebrity Cruises - *Mercury* - Hawaii, US/Canada West Coast, Alaska
- 2007 - Celebrity Cruises - *Mercury* - Australia, New Zealand
- 2006 - Holland America Cruise Line - *Zuiderdam* - Alaska
- 2005 - Holland America Cruise Line - *Amsterdam* - Hawaii, Alaska
- 2005 - Holland America Cruise Line - *Zuiderdam* - Caribbean

#### **Notable Restaurants/Clubs:**

##### **Toronto**

- The Rex Hotel & Blues Bar
- The Dominion on Queen
- N'Awlins Jazz & Blues Bar
- One Up Restaurant & Lounge
- Miguel's Club 329

##### **London**

- Wit's End Pub & Grill
- Bellamere
- Aroma Mediterranean Restaurant
- Museum London

##### **Other Cities**

- Chicago's Diner - Oshawa, Ontario
- Hot Belly Mama's Restaurant - Peterborough, Ontario
- Capers Brasserie & Wine Bar - Belleville, Ontario
- The Bohemian Night Club - Belleville, Ontario
- Various Chapters and Indigo Book Stores across Ontario

#### **Festivals:**

- Beaches International Jazz Festival - Brian Rose Little Big Band - Toronto, Ontario
- Downtown Toronto Jazz Festival - Brian Rose Little Big Band and Swing Shift Big Band
- Brandon Jazz Festival - Humber College Vocal Jazz Ensemble - Brandon, Manitoba

#### **Benefits/Fundraisers:**

- Eating Disorders Foundation of Canada Benefit - London, Ontario
- Campbellford Hospital Benefit - Stirling, Ontario
- Westben Arts Festival Theatre Benefit - Campbellford, Ontario

#### **Other:**

- various wedding ceremonies, receptions, dinners and private parties across Ontario

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### **Ensemble Performing Experience:**

- 2004-2009 - Featured Singer/Band Leader - Rachele Courtney Quartet
- 2007 - Featured Singer - Brian Rose Little Big Band
- 2007 - Featured Singer - Swing Shift Big Band
- 2004-2007 - Featured Singer - Humber Vocal Jazz Ensemble
- 2007 - Featured Singer - Humber African Ensemble

### **Radio Air Play & Interviews:**

- "Canada's Premier Jazz Radio Station" - 91.1FM
- "Quinte's Best Variety" - Mix 97.1FM
- "Campbellford's Radio Station" - CKOL 93.7FM
- "Cortes Community Radio Vancouver" - 89.5FM

### **Education/Training:**

- 2009-2010 - Masters of Music - University of Western Ontario
- 2003-2007 - Bachelor of Music in Jazz Studies with Distinction - Humber College
- 2003-2006 - Advanced Diploma in Music with Honours - Humber College
- 2001-2003 - Diploma of Musical Theatre - Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts
- 1996-2001 - High School Diploma/Ontario Scholar - Campbellford District High School

### **Awards/Certificates:**

- 2009 - Don Wright Music Award - University of Western Ontario
- 2009 - Western Graduate Research Scholarship - University of Western Ontario
- 2007 - Glenfiddich Musical Achievement Award - Humber College
- 2006 - President's Letter - Highest Honours Standing - Humber College Music Program
- 2005 - Thomas Kehoe Memorial Award - Humber College Music Program
- 2001 - Musician of the Year - Campbellford District High School
- 2000 - Musical Theatre Award - Campbellford District High School

### **Skills/Characteristics:**

- Voice, piano, dance and drama instructor
- Ballet, jazz, hip-hop and tap dance experience
- Exceptional leadership and organizational skills
- Professional, Knowledgeable, Dependable, Personable.

### **References:**

- Available upon request.

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