

ZAMANI FOLADE

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“Her bracing vocals, her smooth presence and her intricate production work belie her young age.” Andrew Patterson, OBEY Convention Festival

ZAMANI FOLADE is a storyteller in song who writes, produces, engineers, and performs the music she makes. Her unique brand of Alternate R&B, Neo Soul, Urban Jazz, and Pop explore themes of self-love, optimism, identity, and Black girl magic! Zamani has performed in the US, Europe, Caribbean and Africa. She has opened for music legends such as Maya, Genuine and UB40; She has collaborated with Hip Hop, Classical, Gospel, Pop, and Jazz Artists and has co-written with Grammy nominated and award-winning musicians such as DC Hip Hop Legend Tracey Lee and Nova Scotia's Gordie Sampson and has performed with renown Canadian award-winning classical pianist Daniel Wnukowski. Hailing from a musical family, Zamani's unique style reflects a variety of eclectic musical exposures. Folding inspiration from divas past and present such as - Ella Fitzgerald, Natalie Cole, Lala Hathaway, Erykah Badu, and Beyonce, Zamani has found a voice all her own. Her expressive vocal phasing, melodic improvisation, and rhythmic subtleties, show Zamani's versatility and instrumental approach to the voice.

Zamani made her first foray into solo performing in 2014 at a church benefit concert. Following that, in 2015 she won the praise of Sharon Jones (Sharon Jones and the Dapp Kings) when the legendary soul singer saw Zamani perform a challenging ballad with her - award winning jazz guitar playing father - at the Halifax TD International Jazz Festival. That performance caught the attention of the local African Nova Scotian Music Association (ANSMA) and earned Zamani a prime spot on the 2016 ANSMA Awards Eastlink Telecast, which opened the floodgates to the East Coast music industry.

Now widely considered a break-out artist, Zamani has performed at world class music events Including: LucFest Taiwan Festival (virtual); Commissioned work for CBC Radio and the Royal International Tattoo; East Coast Music Awards; GEM TV Broadcast; Advance Black Music Collective; Bell Media and Brand Ambassadorship for Jackson Triggs Wines are testaments to her eclectic appeal. She has been a guest podcast host for the Advance Black Music Collective National Amplify Series and her music has been featured on numerous local, national and international music shows including CBC The Block and Phat Philly Radio in Croatia.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- The Stingray Jazz Rising Star Award;
- The Atlantic Film Festival Award for Best Musical Score;
- Emerging Lens Festival Best Music Video Award;
- The SOCAN National Young Canadian Songwriters Award;
- Six-time African Nova Scotian Music Award (ANSMA) winner including Artist of the Year single of the Year, and songwriter of the year;
- Four-time East Coast Music Association (ECMA) winner—including African Canadian Artist of the Year and R&B Artist of the Year;
- 2022 Zamani recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal for excellence in music.

SELECTED MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

- [SaltWire: Black girl magic: Halifax's Zamani Folade 'was born to do this](#)
- [Halifax's Zamani wins national Young Canadian Songwriters Award from SOCAN](#)
- [The Coast: From A to Zamani | Music | Halifax, Nova Scotia](#)
- [Breakfast Television: Zamani on her nomination for African Canadian Artist of the Year](#)
- [Coast Magazine: OBEY XII Zamani](#)
- [Storybook Entertainment](#)
- [Global TV](#)
- [Virgin Radio](#)
- [CBC Radio East Coast Music Hour \(cue to 25:40\)](#)
- CTV Live at Five Feature
- Boston Globe
- Trinidad Guardian
- Helen TV St. Lucia
- Choice TV St. Lucia
- Radio Croatia

SELECTED PERFORMANCE CREDITS

- New Schools Rules European Showcase - Rotterdam, Netherlands
- Toronto Soul Festival
- Toronto Honey Jam
- Dalfest Open for Haviah Mighty
- Oasis Festival open for DVSN
- St. Lucia International Roots and Soul Festival, Open for Maya and Genuwine
- Boston Tree Light Concert Live Show, Boston, US
- Royal International Tattoo
- LucFest, Taiwan (Virtual)
- East Coast Music Association (ECMA) Awards Gala Show
- Music Nova Scotian (MNS) Music Week Showcase
- African Nova Scotian Music Association (ANSMA) Gala Awards Show
- TD Halifax International Jazz Fest (Stingray Music Stage)
- Michaelle Jean National Summit
- RBC x Music First-Up IG Live
- TD Jazz Evergreen Christmas Festival IG Live
- Alterego Live Show
- Halifax Urban Folk Festival
- Young Gifted and Black Jazz Showcase
- Salt Yard Sessions, Halifax Waterfront
- Vision 2020, Africa Fest, Halifax Waterfront
- Halifax Downtown Business Association Festival (Take Black Gottingen)
- Living Room Self-Produced FaceBook Live Show
- Official Provincial Opening African Heritage
- Martin Luther King Day Concert Nova Scotia Mass Choir
- St Marks Place Jazz Concert Series, Chester NS
- Mount Saint Vincent University Provincial Girls Conference
- National Conference of Black Law Students
- Tribute to Portia White Concert, Black Cultural Centre Nova Scotia
- Viola Desmond Tribute Concert, Halifax Downtown Business Association
- International Women's Day at the Marriot
- Emerging Lens Film Festival
- CBC East Coast Music Hour - The Story and The Song
- Dead of Winter Festival
- Young Gifted and Black Showcase
- Freedom Festival
- Halifax Black Music Fest
- Halifax Natal Day
- University of the West Indies Homecoming FaceBook Live
- Canadian Remembrance Day
- Black Cultural Centre Christmas Concert FaceBook Live
- Federal Ministers of Culture Conference

INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCES HIGHLIGHTS

- New Skool Rules Festival
Rotterdam, Netherlands
- St. Lucia Roots and Soul Festival,
Castries, St Lucia, Caribbean
- Boston Tree Lighting Concert,
Boston, USA
- <https://www.lucfest.com>, LucFest
Taiwan ECMA Export Showcase
- All African Peoples Conference,
Accra, Ghana

LIVE PERFORMANCE SAMPLES

- [I Wish](#)
- [Billie Holiday](#)
- [Selfish](#)
- [Boston Tree Lighting Concert](#)

VIDEO SAMPLES

- [Outside](#)
- [Switching Lanes](#)
- [Lush Life](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA

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