

AVERY RAQUEL

Canadian Billboard-charting recording artist, and Alternative Soul singer, Avery Raquel has been entertaining audiences professionally for over a decade. She has released 4 solo albums to critical acclaim and airplay across the country including her recent self-titled album in Spring 2022 which debuted on the Canadian iTunes Top 200 RnB/Soul album chart at #5. Five tracks from that album were finalists in the John Lennon Song Writing Competition in 2022, in 4 different categories, with one winning Grand Prize in the Pop category.

This new project of all original **Alternative Soul** is reminiscent of, and her love for RnB/Soul music of the past, but with a more current, contemporary style. Influenced by artists and songwriters such as Carole King, Amy Winehouse, Etta James, Lauryn Hill, Bruno Major, Allen Stone, and so many others, Avery's created, on this new collection of personal, yet relatable songs, a soulful fun mix of RnB/Soul and Pop, with a flavour of her Jazz, and Blues experiences.

"Avery Raquel is one the most exciting and dynamic young vocalists I've had the chance to work with. Her command of the stage and crowd is nothing short of remarkable, her original material always leaves the crowd wanting more, and she is the consummate professional. This rising star is most DEFINITELY one that I'll be watching.

~ Sean Jones - Soul In The City, Toronto, ON Canada

At the age of 22, Avery isn't new to songwriting either. In late 2018, **Avery Raquel** released her 3rd solo album, **'My Heart Away'**, which was comprised of all original music, written by the accomplished and maturing artist. The music achieved media exposure and radio across the country and into the US and even Europe. The album debuted at #11 on the Canadian iTunes Top 200 RnB/Soul chart.

"Her instrument is gorgeous; lustrous, precise and luminously powerful. Her musicianship is fierce as she digs into the expression of each word of the lyrics she writes and sings."

~ Raul da Gama, theWholeNote Magazine

That achievement is merely one of many successes from this young entertainer. In fact, the Canadian recording artist started in the entertainment industry at a very young age. From television, for the likes of Spielberg and DreamWorks, to an animation series for Disney, voice-over work, commercials and radio, as well as a number of professional stage productions across Canada, Avery's passion for performing grew. All the while, Avery kept

honing her craft as a vocalist of rare talent, which has led to an impressive list of career-accomplishments on her musical resume.

That talent caught the ears of an array of music professionals who have assisted in her development over the years. Avery has worked with award-winning Canadian producer/musician Greg Kavanagh, and Grammy award-nominated artist, Producer, and DJ, StoneBridge. She has also written with or shared the studio or the stage with the likes of David Clayton-Thomas, Sean Jones, Molly Johnson, Holly Cole, Lou Pomanti, Matt Dusk, Stacey Kay, Tyler Shaw and so many more.

Performing across the country, including main stage performing arts centres, renowned music festivals, club-style venues, and corporate events, Avery continues to wow ever-growing audiences with her fresh style and powerful vocal performances.

Beyond a passion for the music, Avery is also passionate about giving back and supporting causes close to her heart such as anti-bullying (going into schools talking and performing for students), mental health awareness, and music education. To that extent, Avery is a featured artist and co-host of the weekly broadcast 'The Memphis Show', on Internet radio station Heart of Indie Radio. The station is a huge supporter of children's hospitals, music education and mental health awareness for youth.

Whether singing, playing piano, guitar or even her Ukulele, Avery is having the time of her life, doing what she always hoped to do, put smiles on people's faces through the language of music.

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