

Anna B Biography

The dynamic Vancouver performer Anna B., who grew up in the desert mountains of the Canadian interior, has traveled the world, living and performing in Europe, the U.S., Cuba, and Mexico and various parts of Canada. Anna has performed at the Vancouver International Jazz Festival, with the Vancouver Symphony Pops, at the Charlottetown Festival, and has performed with various world music musicians (Sal Ferreras, Ache Brasil, Celso Machado). Also performing often as an actor on stage and in film, Anna's theatricality brings her music to life. La Leona Productions is Anna's production company that produces interdisciplinary, multi-media performances. All of this travel, performance, and life experience bring colour, texture and depth to her music.



Her music, which combines disparate influences picked up on her travels (Roots, Brazilian, Bossa Nova, Mexican Mariachi, and Jazz), creates a fresh new sound that is masterfully arranged, performed, and produced on the 2008 release, *A Deal with the Wind*. A talented songwriter, Anna B. writes with a wide scope of colour and images, texture and feel. Her sultry and emotive singing transcends language whether she is singing in English, Spanish, or Portuguese.

Performing with Anna on the CD are The Heartbones - Stephen Nikleva (Sarah McLachlan, Mae Moore) on Guitar, Terry Townson (Ray Charles, James Brown) on Trumpet, Simon Kendall (Doug and the Slugs) on Accordion, Michael Simpson on Drums, and Michael Rush on Double Bass. These very talented musicians create a unique soundscape for each song's story.

Anna B.'s previous release - *Heartbones* (2004), is the album that takes Anna B. back home and the intensity penetrates wide open spaces. *Heartbones* explores the heartache and the joy in the impermanence of life. Some of her songs are curled up at the edges, intimate and whispered, while others are expansive and echoed canyon songs. *Heartbones* was recorded at SOS Studios by Sam Ryan and Fine Dining Studios by Michael Simpson, produced by Anna Baignoche, and features the likes of Stephen Nikleva (Sarah McLachlan, Mae Moore) on guitar, Sam Shoichet (Ray Condo, Michael Kaeshammer) on double bass, Michael Simpson (The Catt Pack) on drum kit, Mark Berube on piano and accordion, Ana Bon-Bon and Miss Noelle on back-up vocals, and Anna B. herself on lead vocals, guitar and banjo.

Bawdy, fun, soulful and intimate – Anna B and the Heartbones bring a truly unique medley to the stage. Skeletons, moons, and barstool tunes! Don't miss the Queen of the Cantina...