



The Musicians (left to right)

Karen Dinardo is a singer, songwriter and recording engineer. While studying at Harris Institute, 'KD' assisted *Karen Kane* (*Carolina Music Awards'* Producer of the Year) on several productions. After graduating, she was mentored by world-renowned producer/engineer Nick Blagona (*Cat Stevens, Deep Purple, George Harrison, Tom Jones*). Karen has recorded with numerous artists, such as *Dan Hill* and *Anna Gutmanis*, providing lead and harmony vocals for the latter's Global Music Award-winning song "Lately It's Cold". She has performed live with Anna and several Greater Toronto Area-based bands.

James Atin-Godden is a multi-instrumentalist, producer, composer, and songwriter. Since graduating from York University with a BFA in composition and improvisation, he has been heavily active on the Toronto music scene playing keyboards, bass, guitar, violin, drums, and vocals. He led, managed, performed with, and was the sole composer for 7-13 piece art-rock band *Copycat*. James has produced several singles and albums and has written music for the popular TV show *American Pickers*. A music teacher, he also authored the A-G Piano Book containing 26 pieces of original repertoire for piano students. He is currently half of experimental pop music project *Aniqa Dear*.

Stephen Stanley is a Canadian singer-songwriter and guitarist best known from his many years as a founding member, lead guitarist and vocalist with the vibrant alternative rock band *The Lowest of the Low*. After many song hits, years of touring and sharing the stage with the likes of *Billy Bragg, Bob Mould, The Violent Femmes, The Jayhawks* and *Lloyd Cole*, and a gold record for their album *Shakespeare My Butt*, Stephen now fronts *The Stephen Stanley Band*, which released internationally-acclaimed record *Jimmy & The Moon* in 2017. He is currently working on, arranging and pre-producing the band's next record.

Elizabeth Rodriguez is a Cuban-born classically trained violinist who served as concertmaster for Havana's Youth Orchestra. She is a Grammy nominee for her contributions to *Jane Bunnett and Maqueque*, of which she is a former member. Along with Magdelys Savigne, she founded *OKAN*, an ensemble that fuses Afro-Cuban roots with jazz, folk and global rhythms in songs about immigration, courage and love. *OKAN* followed up on their 2019 Independent Music Award-winning debut album *Sombras* with sophomore release *Espiral*, which received rave reviews, multiple award nominations, and the 2021 Juno Award for World Music Album of the Year. Elizabeth also teaches violin and voice.

Bryn Scott-Grimes is a Canadian-American singer-songwriter, guitarist, and harmonica player. Since receiving a BA in music from York University in 2012, he has performed at countless venues, private events, and festivals across Canada and the U.S. Bryn has released two albums as a solo artist, also winning 1st place in the nation-wide Landmark Events competition as part of the duo *Taylor & Bryn*. He has worked with Grammy-winning producer Eddie Kramer and played harmonica on Anna Gutmanis' Global Music Award-winning song "Lately It's Cold". Bryn is also co-founder and owner of Silverthorn Studios in Toronto and founder of Harmonica Freedom, Canada's only harmonica-centric school.

Jade Elektra (born Alphonso King Jr.) is a Black queer and HIV activist, drag queen, singer, recording artist (DJ Relentless), and stage performer originally from Tampa, Florida, based in Toronto, Canada. Jade is openly living with HIV, and has strived through activism and outreach to make a positive impact for HIV-positive, queer people of colour, and LGBTQ communities in Toronto and around the world. Jade is a founder of POZPLANET and POZ-TO, which fight HIV/AIDS stigma. She is also a Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research ambassador and has performed "Undetectable," a rendition of the *Nat King Cole* classic "Unforgettable," at the U.S. Conference on AIDS and other major events.

Anna Gutmanis is an award-winning Canadian songwriter, singer, keyboardist, social justice activist and founder of *Artists 4 Racial Equality (ARE)*. Her single "Lately It's Cold" won a Global Music Award, and her song "I Am Who I Am", from critically-acclaimed album *Glimmer In The Dark*, is an anthem to the LGBTQ rights movement. Most recently, Anna wrote and recorded the theme song for the 2021 INSPIRE Awards. Before the pandemic, Anna often performed live in and around Toronto, and also played across Canada and the United States. She is currently a monthly contributor for *Rainbow Country*, syndicated Canadian LGBT radio show/podcast.