

ANITA ECCLESTON

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Jazz Vocalist & Trumpet Player

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Vancouver-based bandleader **Anita Eccleston's** acrobatic voice and lyrical trumpet style honour the traditions of jazz, often melding familiar and new in both her large and small ensembles. Her ongoing project showcases original songs and jazz favourites highlighted by instrumental improvisation, sweet sultry vocals, and sweeping cello counterpoint. Her growing passion for jazz ukulele has her adopting a new role as a rhythm player. Her major influences include Ella Fitzgerald, Amy Winehouse, Diana Krall, Miles Davis, Chet Baker and Madeleine Peyroux. Anita's energetic performances incorporate many styles from jazz to soul, funk, reggae, pop, and the blues.



Her latest album, *More Trumpet* (2016) is a collection of traditional jazz standards, showcasing her distinctive vocal stylings alongside her playful trumpeting. She pays tribute to the timeless songs to which she connected with as a budding musician. "The arrangements are bright and full of personality while allowing Eccleston's sumptuous trumpet phrasings to float on top like frothy milk on a tall mug of dark java. Eccleston proves herself as a jazz chanteuse with a heartwarming voice combined with the personality, ear, and musical chops of an appealing band leader. *More Trumpet* is an album spilling over with reverence and tingling with nostalgic resonance." (*Dave O Rama, BC Musician Magazine*).

In 2011, Eccleston released her debut Jazz EP, a collection of jazz recordings from 2003 to 2010. Anita was featured in 2012 in a performance for CBC Radio One's program "Hot Air." She released her Trio EP in 2013, and in 2014 completed her long-awaited original LP, *So It Goes*. The full-length original album explores her eclectic tastes in music with jazz running through every vein.

Anita toured BC and Eastern Canada (highlighted by Canadian Music Week) in 2014. In 2015, she both performed with her trio and was a featured guest with the Plastic Acid Orchestra at the TD Vancouver International Jazz Festival. In 2016 for the festival she brought a 9-piece lineup to perform on Granville Island. In April 2017 Anita attended and showcased at Canadian Music Week in Toronto with pianist Steve Amirault with assistance from Music BC. Anita is currently writing new songs for a forthcoming second full-length LP.

PRESS QUOTES:

"Her vocals shine - The addition of the cello on several tracks is gloriously unique. Anita's voice absolutely captivates throughout the album. She has a great joy and playfulness to her sound on the up-tempo tunes, fully delves into the emotional depths in the ballads, and throughout she has that signature sultry tone... She has a wonderfully lyrical, expressive voice with her horn." - [December 15, 2016 "More Trumpet" Album Review \(Ryan Noakes, Musetta Stone\)](#)

"Eccleston's sound is a soulful one that you will not want to miss." - [October 12, 2016 Jazz Trumpeter makes her Okanagan debut at Vernon Jazz Club \(Amanda Morazain, Vernon Morning Star\)](#)

"Anita's sultry voice is absolutely captivating throughout this album. She doesn't just convey the different emotions of the songs; she makes you experience them with her." - [Feb. 24, 2014 "So It Goes Album Review" \(Ryan Noakes, Musetta Stone Magazine\)](#)

"Eccleston showcases a captivating voice that can tug on your heart strings. She shows exquisite phrasing on a number of tracks and she doesn't just play it safe." - [Nov. 19, 2011 "Earshot Review of the Anita Eccleston Jazz EP" \(Jim Dupuis\)](#)

NOTABLE UPCOMING PERFORMANCES:

Sat. Dec. 31st 2019 ~ 8:00pm ~ Saint St. Grill New Years Eve ~ Port Moody, BC CA

Fri. Mar. 6, 2020 ~ 7:00pm ~ Boris Vian Tribute, Studio 17 ~ Vancouver, BC CA

Select Past Performances:

Mar. 5, 2019 Strong Women Strong Music Frankie's Jazz Club, Vancouver, BC

Nov. 24, 2018 Jazz at The Pat Vancouver, BC

Aug. 28, 2018 Riverside Music in the Park Kamloops BC

Mar. 3, 2018 Featured Guest Thompson Valley Orchestra Kamloops, BC

Feb. 25, 2018 Jazz Vespers – St. Andrew's-Wesley Vancouver, BC

Sept. 24, 2017 Jazz Vespers – Northwood United Church, Surrey, BC

Apr. 20, 2017 The Paddock (CMW Showcase) Toronto ON

Oct. 15, 2016 Feature at Vernon Jazz Club, Vernon BC

July 1, 2016 Vancouver International Jazz Festival Vancouver, BC

Jan. 31, 2016 St. Andrews Wesley Jazz Vespers, Vancouver BC

Dec. 12, 2015 Village Square Sun Peaks, BC

Sept. 11, 2015 TRU 45th Anniversary, Kamloops, BC

Jun. 19 & Jul. 1, 2015 Vancouver International Jazz Festival Vancouver BC

Nov. 12, 2014 Jazz Evensong - Brentwood Presbyterian Burnaby, BC

Oct. 31, 2014 Performance Works w/Plastic Acid Orchestra Vancouver, BC

May 11, 2014 Upstairs Jazz Bar & Grillade Montréal, QC

May 10, 2014 Free Times Cafe (CMW Showcase) Toronto, ON

May 4, 2014 Gate 403 Toronto, ON

May 2, 2014 GigSpace Ottawa, ON

Mar. 30, 2014 Vancouver FanClub Vancouver, BC

Jan. 18, 2014 Mayor's Gala for the Arts Kamloops, BC

Mar. 22, 2013 The Foundry Thunder Bay, ON

Oct. 16, 2012 CBC Radio One "Hot Air", Kamloops, BC

DISCOGRAPHY:

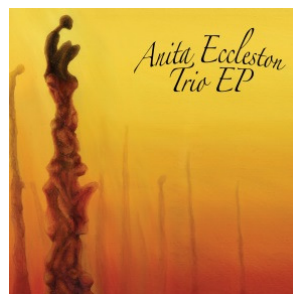
More Trumpet (2016)



So It Goes (2014)



Trio EP (2013)



Jazz EP (2011)



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