



Pianist/vocalist, **Shannon Thue**, grew up in Regina, Saskatchewan and began studying both piano and voice at an early age. She studied mostly classical music to begin with, and then thanks to an outstanding highschool music program, she discovered her passion for jazz. Eager to learn, Shannon moved to Vancouver, B.C. in 2000 to study jazz piano and voice at Capilano College. Over the course of her four years of study, she had the opportunity to study with and draw inspiration from local jazz greats Chris Sigerson, Ross Taggart, Lorne Kellett, and Alan Matheson, and also enjoyed playing piano in the school's big band, A-Band, and singing in the vocal group, Nitecap, both under the direction of Réjean Marois. In July of 2003, her trio was featured on a live CBC Radio program called "Rendez-Vous and in her last year at Capilano College, CBC/Radio Canada presented her with the first ever "Jazz Award of Merit" (JAM award). The

award was created to encourage young jazz students to follow their dreams, recognizing exceptional performance and academic achievement by a musician studying jazz at the College level. Shannon graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Jazz Studies in 2004.

In 2005, Shannon directed and arranged music for a CBC/Radio Canada show called "Chantez la Femme." The show was recorded live in Saskatoon and showcased an eclectic mix of female francosaskois singers and songwriters.

Shannon currently performs professionally throughout the Vancouver area and across Canada and the United States. She plays in various groups, including the Shannon Thue Trio, the funk band Deep End and the traditional jazz band Mighty Aphrodite. 2007 saw her perform in Niagara Falls, Ontario, at festivals in Fresno, CA, Three Rivers, CA, Prosser, WA, Elkhart, IN, Mammoth Lakes, CA, Medford, OR, and San Diego, CA, and on two weeklong cruises to the Caribbean and Mexico. It was also the fourth year her trio has performed in the Vancouver International Jazz Festival.

In addition to performing, Shannon enjoys teaching, accompanying, arranging, and composing. Her trio has recently released their debut album "The Road Less Travelled", consisting mainly of original material.

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