

## ***Claudia Koval Biography***

***Claudia Koval*** is an American Jazz vocalist and a songwriter who hails from Canada. She studied classical piano as a young girl in Edmonton, and later classical voice at the University of Victoria – where she simultaneously performed with a local jazz trio.

She temporarily moved back to Edmonton, at that time known as Canada's "Jazz City." Claudia sang in various venues in Edmonton, often performing alongside well-known Canadian artists, such as P.J. Perry, and was honored to be the first Canadian female singer for American trombonist Bob Stroup, who co-founded Edmonton's Grant McEwan College Jazz Program (which she attended).

Before moving to Los Angeles on a music scholarship, she also participated in a Jazz Camp at the Banff School of Fine Arts studying & singing with American Blues artist, "Big" Miller.

Once settled in Los Angeles, Claudia furthered her music studies at the Dick Grove School of Music in Studio City where she graduated with honors in the Composing and Arranging Program (CAP). Here she composed and arranged for various contemporary styles, which culminated in her final project for a 40 - piece orchestra.

She then took an extended "detour" from her musical ventures, obtaining an MBA at UCLA, and focusing on a second career in entertainment business management in Los Angeles until 2014. Happily, Claudia is now pursuing a re-inspired career as a singer and song-writer.

In the last several years, she has performed in Canada, Los Angeles and Ventura County. Claudia released her first CD entitled "**With Heart and Soul**", in 2015 which is available on iTunes (Apple Music), YouTube, Amazon, and Spotify

Claudia's second CD "**Songs from the Raggedy Road**", (inspired by her life journey with her emphasis on various vocal stylings, which she affectionately describes as "Jazz, etcetera...") was released on September 1, 2019, and features several of Claudia Koval's original works, as well covers of a few of her favorite songs.

Her CD release show (Played to a packed house at Feinstein's at Vitello's) was a joyous success!

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