

"Sultry soul and classic, smoky jazz, the influence of Motown being just a riverbank away... for fans of Ella Fitzgerald, Coeur de Pirate or Sarah Harmer."
- Grant Lawrence, *CBC Radio 3*

CRISSI COCHRANE

Canadian indie chanteuse **Crissi Cochrane** combines the heart of an East Coast singer-songwriter with the soul of Windsor/Detroit, living and writing in the hot sun by the homeland of Motown and industry. Native to the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia, Crissi performs a sultry and soulful brand of popular music, echoing jazz, bossa nova, Motown, and R&B. Silky vocals, reminiscent of Billie Holiday and Norah Jones, glow atop refined original songs as she performs across Canada with her heirloom electric guitar.

Beginning her career performing original music as a teenager in 2004, the artist's discography shows a clear creative evolution, from folk-tinged home recordings to soulful sophistication. Crissi's natural ambition led her to the city of Halifax, the doorstep of the Maritime music industry, where she became a top student in Music Business at NSCC and released her debut album *Darling, Darling* (2010), recorded at Soma Studios in Chicago with guest musician **Mike Kinsella**. She made a new home in Windsor, Ontario within weeks of the album's release, and followed it soon after with the EP, *Pretty Alright* (2011).

With Motown just a riverbank away, a musical maturation took root in the young songwriter's works, echoing the classic languages of jazz, blues, bossa nova, and soul. Her 2014 album, *Little Sway*, showcases thrilling hooks and sensual grooves, with the Rose City's finest trio, **The Walkervilles**, as the backing band on the recording. The album was produced independently in Windsor, and received funding support from the Foundation to Assist Canadian Talent on Recordings, the Ontario Arts Council, and the Windsor Endowment for the Arts.

- Voted **one of Canada's Top 10 Artists** in the 2014 CBC Searchlight contest, representing the Windsor region across the nation.
- Shared stages with internationally acclaimed artists **Walk Off The Earth, Buffy Sainte-Marie, Sarah Harmer, and Jesse Cook**, and performed at choice festivals including Canadian Music Week, The Halifax Pop Explosion, The East Coast Music Awards, Carrousel By The River and The Shores of Erie International Wine Festival.



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