

LEILA NEVERLAND

COMPOSER, PIANIST, VOCALIST, PERFORMER, INTER-ARTS PLAYWRIGHT, AND TEACHER.

Disseminating original music about social justice, the earth, and love.

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ACADEMICS

2006-2009 Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, Double Minor in Art History and Geology. University of British Columbia-Okanagan. Kelowna, BC.

Emphasis on cultural anthropology and original research.

Teachers: Dr. John Wagner, Dr. Rob Young, and Dr. Hussein Keshani

2003-2004 First Year of B.A. in Journalism, Ryerson University. Toronto, ON.

Emphasis on writing, interviewing, social justice, radio, publication.

Teachers: Gene Allen, and Jill Dempsey

TRAINING & EXPERIENCE

1990-2019 Live Performance. British Columbia, Toronto, and Texas.

Performance roster includes concert halls, sports arenas, outdoor stages, cafes, schools, radio, television, house concerts, bars, wineries, festivals, galleries.

References: Hazel Bennett, The Dream Cafe; Julie Fowler, ArtsWells Festival of All Things Art; Laurie Iverson, North Country Fair; Mark Greenhalgh, Arts & Culture Centre Project Manager, District of Summerland, BC

2016-2017 RCM Grade 8 Certification in Practical and Theoretical Piano.

Emphasis on reading manuscripts, notation, technique, and performance.

Teachers: Elizabeth Wocks, and Crystal Doughty

2011-2012 Produced and Performed Original Inter-Arts Show. RCA's Mary Irwin Theatre.

Coordinated 22 participants and managed auditions, rehearsals, artistic direction, musical direction, budget, scheduling, promo, and performance.

Advisor: Shelly Vida

2010-2012 Feature Writer, eVent! Magazine, Kelowna Daily Courier. Kelowna, BC

Emphasis on writing feature entertainment articles for front-page publication.

Editor: Andre Wetjen

2001-2006 The Eagle Newspaper, Archivist and Writer. Bryan, Texas.

Emphasis on writing, publishing, and archiving.

Mentor: Editor-in-Chief Ray Wilkerson

- 2000-2001** **Grade 9 Musical Theatre, Etobicoke School of the Arts. Toronto, ON**
 Emphasis on integrating music, dance, and theatre in creation and performance.
 Teachers: Barbara Young, and Victoria Slager
- 1994-1996** **Canadian Children’s Opera Chorus (CCOC) and the Canadian Opera Chorus (COC). Toronto, ON.**
 Emphasis on singing, listening, and performances with National Ballet of Canada.
 Teacher: Elaine Calder
- 1993-1994** **Toronto Children’s Choir (TCC). Toronto, ON.**
 Emphasis on singing and listening. Performed City of Toronto’s cultural events.
 Teachers: Jean Bartle, and Mitch Bondy

PUBLISHED/PLANNED ORIGINAL WORKS

- 2019** **“No Fear” and “River” are singles due out in the fall.**
- 2018** ***Leila Neverland’s Mountain Sound*. 1st Distributed Album on Spotify.**
- 2017** ***Before Us*. Live Single, Recorded by Music City Studios. Kelowna, BC.**
- 2016** ***The Ukaloopy Lady*. Created in Kelowna, BC.**
 Performance for children.
- 2013** ***Domesticated Goddess* on Bandcamp. Recorded by Mike Cashin of The Warehouse. Vancouver, BC**
- 2012** **First Original Inter-Arts Show: *Transcending Orbit*. Kelowna, BC.**
 Full band performed sixth original full-length album as score and narration for devised theatre performance of original story. Collaborative mediums included music, dance, mime, projections, graffiti, carpentry, clowning, and puppets.
- 2010** ***Rhythm & Sound*. Created and Recorded in Kelowna, BC.**
- 2009** ***Projekt Fractal*. Recorded at The Cabin, Shushwap, BC.**
- 2009** ***Exodus*. Recorded at The Cabin in Salmon Arm, BC.**
- 2008** ***SEVEN7H*. Recorded at Eardrum Valley in Kelowna, BC.**
- 2003** ***Second*. Recorded in College Station, Texas.**
- 2001** ***Leila*. Recorded in College Station, Texas.**

AWARDS & ACTIVISM

- 2019** **Performed for WE International and H.O.P.E. Society fundraiser.**
Invited to perform at a dinner gala with the trio.
- 2019** **Member of City of Kelowna's Artist Advisory Board for Culture Plan 2020/2025.**
Board member. Attends advisory meetings and offers opinions about our City's artistic future. Plan due out next year.
- 2017** **Created, Produced, and Performed in *The 1st Equinox TogetherFest: Celebrating resilience through coming together*. The Forum, Kelowna, BC.**
Inter-arts community festival about inclusivity highlighting LGBTQ, local First Nations, and women. Created and facilitated Syilx First Nations' open forum discussion group on resilience.
- 2015** ***Pianos in the Park*. Kelowna, BC.**
Installed public pianos throughout Kelowna's Park Districts. Volunteered research skills and created proposal for Festival Kelowna project *Pianos in the Park*.
- 2012** **PNE Star Showdown, Vancouver BC.**
Won 3rd Place in two-day competition and received \$2000 and professional constructive criticism.
- 2012** **Original Show Disseminated Social Activism through Example. Kelowna, BC**
Acquired sponsored, donated, recycled, salvaged, traded materials and services to create the performance of *Transcending Orbit*, and the show's entirety was cleaned away and packed up as part of the performance.
- 2007-2008** **I.K. Barber Undergraduate Research Grant. UBC-O, Kelowna, BC.**
\$5000 to conduct original research on marginalized youth's perception of urbanization in Morocco, beside the UNDP, GEF, and UBC-O.
Supervisors: Dr. John Wagner-UBCO, Miriam Fuller-UNDP, Muhammed Aziz-GEF.
- 2007** **Won Recording Studio Time, Fundraiser. Kelowna, BC.**
Busked competitively and raised the most money on behalf of the CIRO Community Radio Station. Recorded first guitar album *SEVEN7H* with winnings.
- 2003** **UIL Awards in Journalism for Feature Writing. Austin, TX**
- 2003** **Won 2nd Place in Texas French Symposium. Dallas, TX.**
Received bursary/scholarship to go on three-week exchange to France.

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

- 2019 Koksilah Festival, Duncan, BC.
- 2019 Revelstoke Street Festival. Revelstoke, BC.
- 2019 Wapiti Fest, Fernie, BC.
- 2019 Roots on the Boundary. Greenwood, BC.
- 2019 Canada Day with Festivals Kelowna. Kelowna, BC.
- 2019 North Country Fair, Driftpile, AB. Mainstage and opened for Hawksley Workman.
- 2019 Revelstoke Jazz Club. Revelstoke, BC.
- 2019 UniTea Cafe. Ashcroft, BC.
- 2019 WE International and H.O.P.E. Society Gala, Laurel Packing House. Kelowna, BC.
- 2019 Peak Pride. Big White, BC.
- 2019 Creative Okanagan's Global Fest at Creekside Theatre. Lake Country, BC.
- 2019 Caetani House. Vernon, BC.
- 2019 Gallery Vertigo. Vernon, BC.
- 2019 Fireside Sessions in Kelowna, BC.
- 2019 Barley Mill Pub. Penticton, BC.
- 2019 The Dream Cafe. Penticton, BC.
- 2008-2019 Parks Alive! Outdoor Summer Stage Series. Kelowna, BC.
- 2018 Running Open Mic at Snowshoe Sam's. Big White, BC.
- 2018 Vinyl Envy. Victoria, BC.
- 2018 Cafe Deux Soleil. Vancouver, BC.
- 2018 LUNA Festival. Revelstoke, BC.
- 2018 Arts Wells, Wells, BC.
- 2018 Live on 93.7FM. Salmon Arm, BC.
- 2018 Blind Bay Summer Series with Mark Greenhalgh. Blind Bay, BC
- 2018 Rockabilly/Swing Fest at Big White, BC.
- 2018 Tour De Folk Mini-Festival, One of Four Performing Artists. Kelowna, BC
- 2018 Quail's Gate Winery, Featured Arist. Westbank, BC
- 2017 Northern Exposure, Showcase Artist. Wells, BC
- 2017 LUNA Festival. Revelstoke, BC.
- 2017 Arts Wells Festival of All Things Art. Wells, BC.
- 2017 Mother's Day Festival. Cranbrook, BC.
- 2017 Penticton Farmer's Market. Penticton, BC.
- 2017 Little Creek Dressing Concert Series. Fintry, BC.
- 2017 The 1st Equinox Festival. Kelowna, BC.
- 2017 Private Wedding. Bertram Creek Park, Kelowna, BC.
- 2014-2018 Vibrant Vine Summer Series. Kelowna, BC.
- 2016 Canada Day Mainstage and Children's Stage. Kelowna, BC.
- 2016 "Jeanette Burmeister" in New Vintage Theatre's *The Full Monty*. Kelowna, BC.
- 2016 Live Show Taping and Interview on Shaw TV's Inspired Word Cafe. Kelowna, BC.
- 2016 *Leila Neverland Sings Adele* in Partnership with Creekside Theatre. Winfield, BC.
- 2016 Art Opening at Julie Oakes' Headbones Gallery. Vernon, BC.
- 2015 Composition and Performance for Black Cat Cabaret. Kelowna, BC.

- 2015** Farmer's Market. Kelowna, BC.
 - 2014** Sixth Street Fest. Vancouver, BC.
 - 2013** Underground Anarcho-Feminist Punk House Festival. Vancouver, BC.
 - 2009-2012** The Conduit Festivals. Rotary Centre for the Arts. Kelowna, BC.
 - 2009-2010** Riot on the Roof. Vernon Art Gallery, Vernon, BC.
 - 2009** Private Wedding. Benvoulin Heritage Church, Kelowna, BC.
 - 2009** Pride Week Fundraiser at Habitat. Kelowna, BC.
 - 2008** Busking in Seattle, New York City, and throughout Europe.
 - 2008** Cherry Fest at the Laurel Packing House. Kelowna, BC.
 - 2004-2006** First Friday Public Art Installation Street Fest. Bryan, TX.
 - 1997** Private Wedding. Summerland Key, Florida.
 - 1995** National Anthem performed with school choir at the Skydome. Toronto, ON.
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FAMILY LIFE

- 2009-2019** Raising and homeschooling two children, gardening for self-sustenance, biking.