



Janie RENÉE

Janie Renée's passion for jazz and poetry grew roots a long time ago...as a child she started writing poems that quickly turned into songs. At the age of 11, she entered a contest as a singer-songwriter held by a local Ottawa radio station and made it to the semi-finals.

In the years that ensued, Janie Renée won prizes for both her songwriting and stage performances. She has been a regular performer in Summer Festivals and on the great stages of Canada. She was also the winner of the very first edition of Ontario Pop in 1986, a contest initiated by Ottawa's CBC to encourage franco-Ontarian talent.

In May of 2019, Janie Renée was awarded the first Trille Or for Best Jazz Artist. She had previously been nominated as Best Female Artist in 2013 and Best Singer-Songwriter in 2015.

In 2012, she released a first album "*Les Valises*", followed by another in 2016 "*L'Éden est un Bazar*".

(Eden is a bazaar) explores the collision of values and the somewhat humorous sides of daily life. Her new album *#jesuisUFO* is somewhat of an anthology of franco-ontarian music, with the added feature that it now has jazz arrangements! Janie Renée is acknowledging and saluting her roots as she spins jazz orchestrations from swing, to ragtime, to fusion...everything goes!

She has been touring extensively in the past years. She calls her style "hybrid jazz" because it borrows a little bit from soul, blues, jazz, and lots of Latin colours as well as grande chanson. It's definitely unlike anything else you've heard before. This unique repertoire is served with a hint of big band, rich and clever orchestrations, and a zest of "boh là là"!

Her writing style is original, craftsy and she definitely masters the art of songwriting. Her melodies have a way to stick to you, whether you like it or not...and soon, you find yourself humming along the way.

As a performer, Janie Renée is versatile and you may well find her sitting at the piano, singing acapella or shaking some percussive instrument. The energy she generates on stage is contagious.

Along with her crew of well-seasoned musicians, Janie Renée will undoubtedly be touring somewhere in your neighborhood.

This is the new brand of Jazz in town!

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