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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 several prizes for both her song writing 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 local francophone talent.

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

In 2012, she released her first self-produced album *Les Valises*. Her second album (2016) is aptly titled *L'Éden est un Bazar* (Eden is a bazaar) as she plays intently on a collision of values and aspects of life we take for granted. 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 deliberately delivers clever orchestrations and delectable performances.

She has been touring Canada regularly but has added some international destinations in her tour dates in the recent years: the French Caribbean islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe, Austria, Belgium, France... Her songs currently play on over 70 radio stations across Europe.

She calls her style "hybrid jazz" because it borrows a little bit from soul, blues, jazz, lots of Latin flavours as well as grande chanson. This repertoire is served either with a mini big band, a quintet or a trio. No matter what, you'll appreciate rich orchestrations, and a zest of "ooh là là"! Her writing style is original, rather humorous and she definitely masters the art of storytelling. 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 while the band plays on. The energy she generates on stage is simply contagious.

If you've ever dreamed of dancing at a jazz show, maybe you will this time!

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