

# ARTISTS

KRYSTLE DOS SANTOS | Vocals | Band Leader/Creator



Krystle Dos Santos – Artist, Musical Historian, Producer and Community Organizer

Krystle Dos Santos is a powerhouse vocalist, songwriter, and performer whose dynamic presence and rich, soulful sound have captivated audiences across Canada. With a career spanning multiple genres and disciplines, she has shared stages with celebrated artists such as Allen Stone, Serena Ryder, Ruth B, Stevie Wonder, and Michael Bublé.

More than just a performer, Dos Santos is a musical historian, using her art to illuminate the cultural and historical impact of music. Delighting in the art of what she coins “edutertainment”, Her projects delve deep into the roots of Black music and Canadian history, including *BLAK: Canadian Women in Music*, *A History of Motown*, and *Hey Viola!*, a musical tribute to civil rights icon Viola Desmond.

In addition to her solo work, Dos Santos is also a member of the country-rock band Orchard Sky, where she brings Black representation to Canadian country music, expanding the genre’s diversity and storytelling. Whether on stage, in the studio, or curating historical narratives through music, Dos Santos is a powerful voice ensuring that the past, present, and future of music remain deeply connected.

## JON HOLISKO | Drums



For over a decade, Jon Holisko has been one of the most in demand drummers in Vancouver. Holding a Bachelor of Music in Jazz Studies from Capilano University, Jon has played drums all over the world. While touring the UK, Europe, China, and North America, Jon's musical taste and playing has been influenced by each culture's unique music along the way. Jon has also played drums for some of the biggest recording artists in Jamaica, including Ken Boothe, Leroy Sibbles, and Tanya Stephens. Jon has been playing drums with Krystle Dos

Santos for over 10 years, performing hundreds of shows for a diverse range of audiences from elementary schools to country festivals. Catch Jon playing locally every first Tuesday of the month at Guilt and Co!

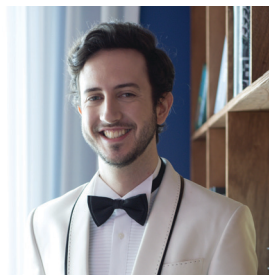
## GAVIN YOUNGASH | Guitar



Gavin Youngash is a Vancouver-based multi-instrumentalist performer, session musician, collaborator and composer. His catalogue includes live performance and recording both locally and internationally with notable Canadian acts including Frazey Ford, Krystle Dos Santos (2x Western Canadian Music Award) and Vancouver gospel-soul powerhouse Dawn Pemberton (WCMA's Urban Recording of the Year 2015). In addition to his collaborative freelance and session work,

Youngash plays bass/keys and composes for Vancouver synth-pop group Star Captains, is a writer and guitarist with westcoast post-rock noise outfit I Think I Saw You See Me and plays guitar/composes for his own ensemble, the Gavin Youngash Trio.

## COLE TINNEY | Piano



Cole Tinney is a professional pianist based in Vancouver. His musical focus is in contemporary piano, ranging from jazz music from the forties to funk, blue, r&b, soul and other eclectic genres powered by a background in classical music. Having a degree in Performance, Cole has traveled throughout Canada, the United States, the UK and Europe performing with various groups for over 10 years. A versatile performer Cole is always looking to continue his journey with music through performing and

teaching. Cole has also delved into the world of composing as well as owns/runs a music school in North Vancouver, CoJa Music Academy. [cojamusic.com](http://cojamusic.com)

## PHIL BELL | Bass



Phil Bell is a UK/Canadian bass player and vocalist who relocated to Canada in 2005 after studying Jazz at Leeds Conservatoire. Fortunate to perform and record a wide range of musical styles and fortunate to work with a wide range of talented artists including: Corb Lund, Orchard Sky, Karen Lee Batten, Dave Hartney, Chris Buck, Gord Bamford, Tony Stevens and Danielle Ryan.

Highlights of the last year include performing with 5 headlining artists at the final Gone Country, 2024 Festival which included six hours of stage time raising over \$250,000 for Cancer Research and to opening and supporting Keith Urban at Sunfest and headlining the Longhorn Saloon for the Cloverdale Rodeo. Other festivals include: Red Truck Concert Series, Barnsdale Festival, Harmony Arts Festival, Rogers Arena, performances in Nashville, USA, Squamish Constellation Festival and the GreyCup.

## DOMINIC CONWAY | Saxophone



Saxophonist Dominic Conway was born, raised and resides in East Vancouver.

With his roots firmly in the rhythm & blues tradition and eclectic musical tastes, he has carved out a career as a sought-after collaborator in a wide variety of genres, both on stage and in studio, over the past 20 years. In addition to having worked with such artists as Jim Byrnes, Steve Dawson, Louise Burns and Arkells, Dominic co-leads Malleus Trio and is a member of Mary Ancheta

Quartet, Big Fate and Coco Jafro, among others. He has toured across Canada as well as in Japan, Australia, Germany and The Netherlands