

BEV ZIZZY

Bev's stage debut was singing early blues classics in a Delta Blues duet in her home city of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. She has also led a rock band; played with a world rhythm djembe drum group; and performed as a jazz vocalist for a decade, her extensive experience ultimately shaping her evolution as a Singer/Songwriter. Her music evokes the essence of some of her inspirations: Joni Mitchell, Tracy Chapman, and Bonnie Raitt. Since 2002, Bev has released two albums and three EPs of original material, and both designed and co-produced her latest album, *Standing on a Platform of Kindness*. Bev has been recognized for her community involvement and contribution to the arts with a YWCA Woman of Distinction in the Arts Jacqui Schumiatcher Arts Award.



Lifelong yoga practitioner, adventurous world traveller, and award winning language and literature teacher, Bev channels her creative energies into guitar study and writing songs to inspire social conscience, connection, and compassion. Having completed her teaching career in 2013, Bev now divides her time between travel, scuba diving, yoga and language study in Asia; and volunteering and performing at numerous benefit concerts in Canada, as documented on her website.

Bev holds a Master of Education Degree with a Specialty in English Literacy, a Bachelor of Education Degree in French, and a Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree in French, Social Studies, and Women's Studies.

Whether sharing original lyrics or interpreting covers, Bev Zizzy is a singer / songwriter with something to say, and a voice with which to say it well. Her smoky vocal delivery is intense, innovative, and compelling, and her soul-baring, insightful, stories memorable, engaging, and inspiring.

Highlights:

- Opening the *Regina International Film Festival (RIFFA) Gala Awards Ceremony* 2017
- Co-producing & designing *Standing on a Platform of KINDNESS* (2nd complete album) 2016
- Producing, promoting & managing the sold out *Platform of Kindness CD Release event* 2016
- Releasing *Woman in Black* (1st complete album) 2009
- Receiving the *YWCA Woman of Distinction in the Arts Award* 2009
- Performing @ *Memorial Cup, Regina, Ness Creek, and Flatlands Folk Festivals, Regina Jazz & Saskatchewan Jazz Festivals*, as well as with local artists throughout southeast Asia
- Receiving a *Saskatchewan Teacher's Federation Inspiring Teaching Award* 2004
- Receiving the *University of Regina Grad Studies McKinnon Scholarship in Language Arts* 1999
- Serving as the *Founding President of the Saskatchewan Yoga Association* 1978

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