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PROFILE

Scott Hills is a Canadian music recording artist, songwriter, singer, producer, educator, and multi-instrumentalist, with over 20 years in the music industry. He has earned a jazz degree from and studied education at, Vancouver Island University. He is a Juno Award nominee and Polaris Music Prize short lister. Passionate educator/producer, who has mentored autistic students, toured 3 continents, and written for iconic major label artists. Seeking to study at UBC to earn an M.A., focusing on the origins of rhythm and vocal expression and how these aspects of music affect the nervous system.

EXPERIENCE

Artist /Musician/Producer 1999 present

- Composer arranger for multiple artists in various genre's
- Member of various backing bands, for such legendary blues artists as *Jodie Williams (Muddy Waters)* and *Hubert Sumlin (Howlin' Wolf)* and *Big Dave McLean*
- Played the Chicago Blues Festival 3 times
- Produced *Amber Suchy* self titled EP (2013)
- Produced singer/songwriter *Jess Rae Aye*, of the Canadian pop group *Sweet Alibi*

- Produced various demos for RocNation artist's *Hailey Reinhart*, *Allison Kaplan* and more
- Songwriter for major label song camps, working with major producers for pop artists such as *Rihanna*, *Timbaland*, and other RocNation artists - 2014
- Toured 3 continents as vocalist and drummer for *Order of Canada* Recipient *Big Dave McLean*
- Toured North America rigorously, playing in hallmark blues and jazz venues in Chicago, Kansas City, and other mid western and southern U.S. cities
- Writer's residency at Nashville's public library (Main Branch) - 2019
- Self produced 3 albums, *Wonderland Urgency* (2008), *Years of Septembers* (2014), and *Nature Girl* (2017)

Educator, Self Employed 2006 present

- Elementary school practicum, 2015/2016
- Facilitator of workshops focusing on vocals, songwriting, performing and music history
- Led youth songwriting intensive for Epcore Centre for Performing Arts, 2010/2011
- Music mentoring for special needs
- Private practice for vocal/guitar/drums/bass/recording production

EDUCATION

- Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo, BC - Bachelor of Education, 2015 - present
- Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo, BC - Bachelor of Music in Jazz (Vocal)

ACCOLADES AND AWARDS

- Juno Award Nominee (songwriter/singer/drummer/producer on *The Perpetrators* album *The Gas and the Clutch*/ Best Blues Album) - 2006
- Maple Blues Award (songwriter/singer/drummer/producer on *The Perpetrators* album *The Gas and the Clutch*/ Electric Act of the Year) - 2006
- Polaris Music Prize long list nominee (songwriter/singer on *Sargeant and Comrade's* album *Magic Radio*) - 2021
- Western Canadian Music Award (songwriter/singer/drummer/producer on *The Perpetrators* album *The Gas and the Clutch*/ Outstanding Blues Album) - 2006
- Western Canadian Music Award (songwriter/singer on *Sargeant and Comrade's* album *Magic Radio*/ Breakout Artist of the Year, and nomination for Soul/Rn'B Artist of the year) - 2021