



NIKKI YANOFSKY

HOMETOWN: Montreal, Quebec
INFLUENCES: Ella Fitzgerald, Aretha Franklin,
 Billie Holiday
ALBUM: *Nikki*, out now
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THINGS HAVE MOVED QUICKLY FOR NIKKI YANOFSKY—AT 12 she was singing in front of 100,000 people at the Montreal International Jazz Festival, by 13 she had been nominated for a Juno award (Canada’s equivalent to the Grammys), and at 16 she’s just released her debut studio album, *Nikki*. She began singing as a child, and knew even then she wanted to perform for a living. She began listening to jazz in her early teens, keying in especially on the music of Ella Fitzgerald—in 2008 she released a live album of Fitzgerald songs, *Ella ... of Thee I Swing*.

Nikki was produced by Grammy winners Phil Ramone and Jesse Harris, and features a mix of standards and original songs written by Yanofsky with Harris and singer-songwriter Ron Sexsmith. “The album is very personal, and allows the listener to get to know me,” she says. “You hear where I came from through the musical influences, and you hear where I’m going through the originals.”

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