

Nashon

H O L L O W A Y



*"Whatever it is, it's all
Healing ..."*



... Harmony is a lifestyle"

ARTIST SNAPSHOT

Artist Name

- Nashon Holloway (pronounced nah-shoan)

Disciplines

- Vocalist (mezzo-soprano), Guitarist, Composer, Lyricist

Genres

- Soul, jazz, R&B, rock, classical/symphonic, folk

Inspired by

- Stevie Wonder, Emily King, Roberta Flack, Lianne La Havas, Nancy Wilson, Natalie Cole, D'Angelo

Key Accomplishments

- Featured vocalist for Ruben and Clay Aiken's 20th Anniversary American Idol Tour
- Over 20 recording credits as vocalist or songwriter, including her debut album "The Palace and the Hut"
- Headliner for Taste of Dubai
- Composer / Vocalist / Guitarist for "Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra Together with Nashon Holloway" Concert
- Actor / Vocalist / Guitarist in Manual Cinema's production of "We Real Cool"
- Lead vocalist at Carnegie Hall, Jazz at Lincoln Center, Burj Khalifa, Burj al Arab
- Soprano with Chicago Symphony Orchestra for Hans Zimmer Live!
- Songwriter and performer for film *Chasing After You*
- Vocalist for major motion film soundtracks – *Inception*, *The Dark Knight*



Who is Nashon Holloway

With a name meaning "oracle" Nashon was born to sing healing. NPR refers to her live music as "crisp and colorful," and the soulful sound of her jazz-tinged voice and guitar-playing is soulful and spiritual. Nashon is an accomplished singer, songwriter, instrumentalist, and educator with over 15 years of live performance and professional recording across multiple genres - including jazz, symphonic, R&B, soul, classical, and folk.

Herstory

A native Michigander, Nashon was surrounded by music and has performed music all of her life - from singing in church as a child, to being classically trained in grade school, to earning her Bachelor of Arts in vocal jazz. She honed her musical prowess under the mentorship of pillars in the music world such as Motown's Velvelettes, The Funk Brothers, and Narada Michael Walden (esteemed writer and producer for music greats such as Whitney Houston, Aretha Franklin, Mariah Carey). Nashon's recording career began in 2016 with the independent release of her studio album "The Palace & the Hut". The album was an 11-song expression of how she sought to introduce herself as an artist - colorfully melodic, yet boldly diverse. As a sought-after writer and vocalist, she has also lent her talents on over a dozen recorded and live projects for fellow artists, television, and film.

Outside of the studio, Nashon is a consummate live performer having graced stages internationally as a headliner and sharing stages with the likes of David Foster, Tank & the Bangas, Bobby McFerrin, Hans Zimmer, Liv Warfield, Ruben Studdard, Clay Aiken, and more. Her undeniable skill both as a vocalist and guitarist has been showcased in the theatre productions "We Real Cool" and "Ada/Ava" by the Emmy Award winning performance collective Manual Cinema.

Present and Future

Fueled by her experience and an unwavering commitment to artistry, Nashon has embarked on two key endeavors for the next chapter of her career. Of first note is her sophomore album, slated for release in the fall of 2024 which she describes as "a sensual, rhythmic, soulful journey into the layers of love". Also, she has proudly stepped into the world of musical anthropology as the Vice Chair of Arts + Ancestry at the Institute of Public Scholarship.



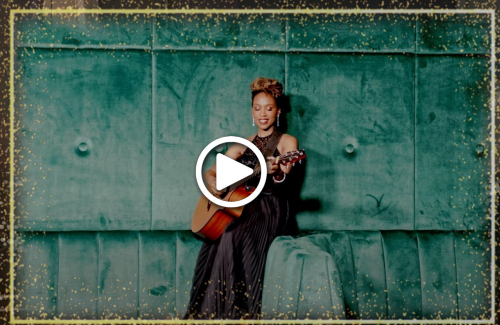
A musician with short, light-colored hair is playing an acoustic guitar on a stage. They are wearing a dark, patterned jacket and a gold chain. A bright spotlight illuminates them from above, creating a dramatic effect against the dark background. The musician is looking down at their instrument.

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LIVE PERFORMANCE

Nashon



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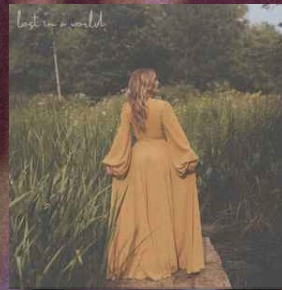


Coming late 2024

Featured Vocalist and Songwriter/Composer



Ensemble Vocalist



THE
MUSIC



“...equally at home in jazz, soul, and folk” - NPR

“She blew our audience away right from the first note.” - MANISTEE NEWS

“Nashon Holloway is where Amy Winehouse meets Corinne Bailey Rae” - PBS

“One thing is for certain, those that have had the chance to see the eclectic songwriter find themselves coming back for more” - LOCAL SPINS

“..jazz styling with folk sensibilities to create a unique sound infused with funk and soul.”

Press Links

[Ruben & Clay tour brings Nashon Holloway home to perform](#) - NPR

[Nashon Holloway Will Leave You "Lifted" With Kalamazoo Symphony](#) - NPR

[Kalamazoo's Nashon Holloway finds direction, inspiration and 'Chicago soul' in the Windy City](#) - Local Spins

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[Nashon Holloway returns to Michigan Legacy Art Park](#) - Manistee News

[Interview: Meet Nashon Holloway](#) - Michigan Legacy Arts

IN THE NEWS

From Palaces to Pubs

Nashon Holloway is at home on any stage

Kara Norman

Despite growing up “in an environment where people were always singing,” singer and songwriter Nashon Holloway didn’t think she had the chops to get into the



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Nashon Holloway Will Leave You "Lifted" With Kalamazoo Symphony

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EDITOR'S PICK

'American Idol' veterans Ruben Studdard, Clay Aiken reunite for nostalgic tour

Kevin C. Johnson Oct 24, 2023 0

Twenty years after competing together on Season 2 of “American Idol,” Ruben Studdard and Clay Aiken are together again.

They will perform songs they popularized on their season. Nashon Holloway will sing some of the songs performed on the show by women.



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Kalamazoo's Nashon Holloway finds direction, inspiration and 'Chicago soul' in the Windy City

By Ryan Boldrey February 15, 2018

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