



CHERYL HODGE - Jazz Singer Pianist/Composer

Cheryl Hodge has been in the music and songwriting business for well over 30 years; recording on several labels; among them Atco Records (Raindogs, 1990), and has released 4 CDs of her own; on her own label: Jazzboulevard.com Records.

Cheryl is currently the head of the vocal dept. at Nelson, BC's: Selkirk College Music Program. There, she teaches Songwriting and Advanced Songwriting, Business of Music, Arranging and Vocals.

She continues to write and produce her original materials, and has just released "Cheryl Hodge: Original Article" - a compilation of her favourites.



The new CD, INDIGO... has taken off (the tour was a huge success), and is now sitting neatly in the top ten on a bunch o' jazz charts across Canada - see Chart Attack [thanks, Ottawa, Calgary, Montreal (thanks, Pierre), White Rock (Bryon Tosoff from "Cup Of Joe"), and all] Also, on the Earshot online charts, as well as receiving play at KJAZZ88.1 FM (thanks, Paul James!) Long Beach, and on the new release list for jazz& blues news in Chicago... "Indigo", "Guide to Recovery" & "Do You" have recently been

on the "most played" list at RadioIndy.com (all genres!!)

Right on the heels of INDIGO, Hodge surprised everyone this year by releasing a "New Orleans feel" blues CD called, "SOUTHBOUND". You can hear cuts/purchase your INDIGO or SOUTHBOUND (NEW! Blues CD) downloads now, at Cheryl's site: cherylhodge.com

2009 is turning out to be a big year for Cheryl Hodge. Having just completed her high energy fusion album, "INDIGO" (2009) with Juno winning trumpet player, Brad Turner, Saxophonist Tom Colclough, and guitar greats John Stowell & Cliff Maddix; and her smoking hot rhythm section; with bassist Dave Captein and drummer Charlie Doggett; Hodge is raring to go (bring on the tours!) She's celebrating her newly found dual citizenship (US/CANADIAN); making touring all that much less of a hassle!

With over 20 years of playing & touring with some of the finest jazz musicians in the U.S. & Canada, Hodge is a gifted pianist and isn't afraid to visit the outer stretches of "scatting" territory. Her first love, however remains (and most likely forever will be...) [composing](#).

Hodge has performed alongside: John Stowell, Mike Stern, Dan Balmer, Hugh Fraser, Dee Daniels, & countless others. There are annual tours which include jazz festivals, clinics and club performances. Hodge has also been know to diverge into film scores, and musical direction. Recent projects include the job of musical director (with acting director Frederick Edell), in a theatrical production of Cole Porter's "You Never Know", and vocal direction in Little Shoppe of Horrors.

Hodge graduated with a degree from Berklee College of Music, in Boston where she taught music for 8 years. Students have included: Paula Cole (top ten, pop), Frazee Ford (of The Be Good, Tanyas) and Kyle Gordon (famous studio vocalist). Since then, she has recorded her vocals on several labels; including Warner Brothers and Atco Records (The Raindogs first release, 1990).

Formerly a professor at Berklee College of Music, Hodge now heads up the Vocal Dept. at Selkirk College, in the cozy artistic mecca known as Nelson, B.C., Canada. There she also teaches Songwriting, Arranging, and Business of Music. Most of Hodge's touring happens in the summer; with a few winter forays. In the meantime, Hodge writes articles and does various recording projects.

Cheryl Hodge "Smooth,yet Edgy"

"In the seemingly eternal debate about who or what is or isn't a jazz singer, anybody with ears would without hesitation and with great enthusiasm cite Cheryl Hodge as the real thing."-**Bob Protzman**, Host "Everything Jazz", NPR; Writer for Downbeat.

"Her 8ve leaps and pitch-perfect landings evoke Portland great Nancy King..." -The Oregonian, **Lynn Darroch**

"Hodge has a striking voice. Her range is impressive..." -**Kyle O'Brien**, Jazz Society of Oregon. Cheryl is ready to tour. Her new dual citizenship makes touring a cinch!!!



Credits:

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