

## Press Release

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**Perth Ontario:** As Part of it's March Concert Series, the Perth Studio Theatre is pleased to be able to welcome back Eastern Ontario jazz artist Kelly Lee Evans on Thursday the 27th of March. In support of Brooke Valley School, Kelly Lee's long time connection to the Perth community has lured her back to share her phenomenal vocals and sultry music.

2007 Juno and Gemini Award nominated singer-songwriter Kelly Lee Evans is a unique voice in the urban-jazz world, and many of today's top musicians have taken notice. With a smooth style that slides through jazz, soul, R & B, blues and world music rhythms, Kelly Lee's calming sound speaks volumes; Rich, soothing, robust and energizing. With a songwriting talent being compared to Elvis Costello, Aimee Mann, and Ron Sexsmith, this eclectic artist ignites inspiration

Kelly Lee was born in Toronto, but is now based just outside Ottawa. Her talent has gained her the attention of many in the music industry. In 2004, Kelly Lee was awarded second place in the prestigious Thelonious Monk International Jazz Vocals Competition, held at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Since her win, she has performed with award-winning saxophonist Jane Bunnett and has been invited to open for Tony Bennett, Chris Botti, Derek Trucks, and Maceo Parker. In the summer of 2007, Kelly Lee embarked on her first tour of the major Canadian jazz and folk festivals, including the Vancouver, Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal International Jazz Festivals. Many had the pleasure of experiencing her on Perth's own stages during last years' Stewart Park Festival.

In addition to being a 2007 Gemini Award nominee alongside Michael Buble and Measha Brueggergosman and a Toronto Independent Music Award nominee for Best Jazz, she is also the winner of a 2007 Canadian Smooth Jazz Award for Female Vocalist of the Year and nominee for a 2007 Juno Award for Vocal Jazz Album. Other nominees that year were Diana Krall, Molly Johnson, Lori Cullen and Elizabeth Shepherd.

Brooke Valley School has been the beneficiary of many talented artists through the years and is thrilled to have this connection with Kelly Lee Evans. Family Pastimes a local cooperative game manufacturer has generously sponsored this evening. The school has been operating for 30 years as a private arts based school catering to local families and is run by a volunteer board of directors.

Join us at the Studio Theatre in Perth 7:00 pm on Thursday the 27th of March and have an intimate experience with the jazz vocals of Kelly Lee Evans. Her performances have been said to draw you into her music through her compelling lyrics and soulful singing. Tickets are available at the door, or in advance from Riverguild Fine Crafts, 51 Gore St, Perth.

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