

Sienna Dahlen is a Juno award-winning vocalist (Vocal Jazz Album of the Year 2014 alongside collaborator and composer, Mike Rud for his album, « Notes on Montreal »). Sienna is also a music educator, an instrumentalist and a composer of six albums of original folk and jazz music to date. Her second to last album entitled, « Verglas » received rave reviews and was signed to the longstanding Montreal jazz label, Justin Time Records. Sienna's current album, « Ice Age Paradise » was released in September of 2016 and features a collection of new compositions that were arranged by bassist, Andrew Downing for a 9-piece ensemble of incredible Toronto-based musicians + guests including Sienna's father, Laine Dahlen and guitarist, Kevin Breit. Sienna has toured her music extensively across Canada, Europe, and parts of the US in addition to having made numerous appearances in Mexico and South America. Sienna has also collaborated on several national and international projects as a co-leader, guest vocalist and lyricist with musicians such as Joel Miller and his « Dream Cassette » band (Canada), Mads Baerentzen's « Lifelines » project (Denmark), Lebanese pianist, Wassim Soubra's « Dunes » album (France), UK-based saxophonist, Amy Gamlen's « Into the Beautiful » an album of music set to Emily Dickinson poems with Dave Restivo, « Klardrøm » alongside DJ and electronic sound artist, Marie-Hélène Brousseau (Canada), and Paris-based Canadian drummer, Karl Jannuska's « Streaming » and « The Halfway Tree » records. Sienna also appears on Karl's latest release, « Midseason » alongside vocalist Denzal Sinclair. Sienna has been invited on several occasions to sing with L'Orchestre National de Jazz de Montreal and in 2017 she was the featured vocalist on the recording of a suite by Christine Jensen for which she penned the lyrics. The album won the Opus award for Best Jazz Album and was nominated for a Félix Award at L'ADISQ. Recently, the arrangements from Sienna's album, « Ice Age Paradise » were adapted for the orchestra and the music been performed on several occasions in and around Montreal. Finally, Sienna is the featured singer on the soundtrack for the 2007 Oscar-winning animated short, The Danish Poet by Torill Kove (music by Kevin Dean).

"Sienna Dahlen has made a beautifully compelling record that is soulful and unique." Ron Sexsmith

"My first thought when hearing her enigmatic swooping vocals was of Jeff Buckley... The whole album has an enchanted feel; the songs are personal but not confessional, and the orchestration develops them perfectly. There's unflinching clarity and also beauty in these songs of love and loss."

Alison Bentley, London Jazz News, UK

"...Verglas goes from the good to the great with "Carrie," the last of its seven cuts and a stunningly memorable, rage-filled anthem against an impending death."

Peter Goddard (Toronto Star) 4/4 stars

"Dahlen has an extremely alluring voice, one that could sell rainwater in a snowstorm."

Pascal-Denis Lussier (All About Jazz)

"...musicalité, diction et goût remarquables chez Sienna Dahlen (délicieuse voix, typiquement "britannique"), à l'image de celle de Josefine Lindstrand chez Django Bates."

Éric Quenot (Jazz Magazine-France)