

JAZZALELE TRIO **Biography**



EXQUISITE WORLD CLASS VOCALS...

Bandleader, Anna Acevedo Lyman is a latin American Jazzsinger from “Motown”. *“She has a voice like melted chocolate...”* (The Harbour City Star).

The JAZZALELE Trio loves mixing rhythms from various genres. Their sound is heavily influence by both Motown and Latin American rhythm and has a sultry tropical feel that audiences find appealing. Jazzalele performs in both the concert venues with Tropical and World Jazz, and dance venues with more of an R&B and Rock sound.



The Award-winning Jazzalele Trio is: headliner/bandleader, Anna Acevedo Lyman, (B.Mus.) originally from Detroit, Michigan, on vocals and ukulele, Steve Sutton, (B.A. Assoc. Mus.), from Victoria, on Bass and ukulele, and Gabe Vadas, from Nanaimo on drums. This popular group likes to perform and interpret a wide variety of genres, and perform everything from Brazilian Bossa Nova, Jazz, R&B and Pop. Anna and Steve are professional jazz musicians. Anna studied with Hawaiian Master, Ben Chong, who headed up Don Ho’s band in Hawaii. They have performed at The Pender Harbour Jazzfest, the Victoria International Jazzfest, the Winecountry Ukulele Festival in California’s Napa Valley, and more. In 2012 they won the Vancouver ukulele Festival “Ruby’s Ukes” cover song competition with Anna’s arrangement of “Blue Monk” by Thelonius Monk. In 2014, drummer Gabe Vadas joined Jazzalele. Anna has twice been interviewed by the CBC.



Anna is latinamerican, and has family ties to Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Brazil. As a vocalist, Anna has received considerable critical approval. The Coast Reporter said (Anna) *“...makes us think we should order champagne...”*. Anna’s voice has also been compared to *“honey”*, *“wine”* (Rutgers-Newark Observer, New Jersey), and *“melted chocolate”*, (The Harbour City Star, Nanaimo)

EDUCATION:

Anna Acevedo Lyman received her B.Mus. in Jazz Voice and Guitar from Vancouver Island University... Steve Sutton was born and raised in Nanaimo and educated at Malaspina University College (Assoc. Mus.), and the University of Victoria (BA). Gabe Vadas has worked with drums for a number of years, and has been involved in both visual and musical arts, and mentoring young musicians. In addition to presenting dance music Anna also writes original songs in Latin, Jazz and R&B styles.

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