

## Biography

**Anna Acevedo Lyman, B.Mus.** is a critically acclaimed professional Vocalist and Jazz musician with a Bachelor of Music Major in Jazz Voice, and Minor in Guitar (VIU 2008).



Anna was born in Detroit, Michigan into a Latin-American family with family ties to Mexico, Brazil, and the Caribbean.



Anna studied the ukulele formally in Hawaii with Don Ho's guitar and ukulele player, Benny Chong. In 2012, with her ukulele duo "Jazzalele", Anna and Steve won 1st prize at the Vancouver Ukulele Festival, Instrumental Cover Song competition, for her arrangement of "Blue Monk". As a vocalist Anna has twice been interviewed and presented on CBC Radio.

Anna is a gifted music teacher and has taught for 20 plus years, both group classes and private lessons, at festivals, Okanagan College, and music schools, and in her private studio. One of her former vocal students, Jayden Holman, won the PNE talent competition.



**Anna appears live performing Jazz, Latin Jazz, and World music** at Jazz festivals both with her traditional Quartet, and her ukulele duo/trio "Jazzalele".



She gets airplay in Canada and the US, and **has appeared at the Victoria Jazzfest, Pender Harbour Jazzfest, Butchart Gardens, The Wine-country Ukulele Festival in Napa, California, the Victoria Tango Festival, Hermann's Jazz Club, Vista 18 Chateau Victoria**, and many other well-known venues. Anna has 2 commercially available CDs "It's Lush", (2002), and "Sway - Quien Sera" (2008) which contain her own compositions. The second CD was released at the Pender Harbour Jazzfest with Juno

winner Rick Kilburn on bass and Juno winner Tom Keenlyside on flute and sax. Anna is a talented songwriter and also an award-winning ukulele music arranger, (see her collection at [www.ukemusic.ca](http://www.ukemusic.ca). Anna rehearses three ukulele ensembles, including Central Island's Vancouver Island Ukulele Orchestra.

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