

Amanda Martinez

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After landing a job as the Latin American relationship manager with one of Canada's leading banks after graduating with a master's degree in international business from York University, Martinez left it all after six months to pursue her passion-singing.

"I realized after I started working that my heart wasn't into what I was doing" she says. After seeing a musical performance at a midday concert at the First Canadian Place in downtown Toronto, Martinez quit her job and hasn't looked back.

Martinez is one of several singers performing as part of Global Divas: A Celebration of Women and Song at Kool Haus, 132 Queen's Quay E. on March 30 at 8pm.

The daughter of a Mexican-born father and South African Jewish mother, Martinez says music was always part of family gatherings. Travelling to Mexico gave her a feel for the jazz, Latino and AfroCuban music scene in which she's been performing professionally since 2001.

"I grew up listening to a lot of my dad's musical collection, which had a huge influence on me," she says. "Music is in my blood."



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969	20
Streams	Downloads
20	0

Featured Songs

-  Diciembre Jazz+Funk
-  Guajira Sola Latin

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If there's
some
unspoken
rule about
radio hosts
playing their
own music,
local
composer

and singer Amanda Martinez should feel free to break it. The popular voice of JAZZ.FM91's Café Latino can proudly drop the needle on her own sultry record, *Sola*, which scorches with hot Cuban rhythms and bossa-tinged jazzy numbers like *Guajira Sola* and *Diciembre*.

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