**Melissa Lauren // Short-Form Bio 2022**

With a boundless, soaring voice and musical vision to match, Toronto-based songwriter Melissa Lauren is that rarest of performers, one as comfortable in jazz as in pop, as well as the space where the two genres converge. Whether covering a classic or elevating an original, Lauren never fails to locate a song’s emotional core. Her dazzling third album, *My Voice* — produced by ace multi-instrumentalist Tyler Emond (Tyler Shaw, Alessia Cara, Matt Dusk) — finds Lauren exploring the ways in which we communicate with each other, or don’t, via 11 songs perfectly reflecting the times. The third single released, a heart-wrenching version of Jan Arden's "Insensitive", was featured on CBC Radio's 'Under the Covers.' The album builds on Lauren’s extensive career both as a solo artist and collaborator with a diverse range of performers, from the Toronto All-Star Big Band while still a teenager to Montreal electronic producer Hibernate. The through-line is Lauren’s electrifying voice and engaging performance style, which has thrilled audiences across North America and around the world.

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