

Laurel MacDonald • Biography 2022

Laurel MacDonald is a singer, composer and video artist based in Toronto, Canada. She has released five critically-acclaimed CDs and has performed extensively, most recently in ***She Sings as She Flies*** and **Patchwork** (both with Mary Jane Lamond), in her solo project **Videovoce**, in the dance productions **SDX** (Kaeja d'Dance) and **Moving Parts** (Fujiwara Dance Inventions), and as a member of the Georgian ensemble **Darbazi**.

Along with her creative partner Phil Strong, Laurel has composed the music for many film productions, most recently for the dance films **Kitchen Dances** (Kaeja d'Dance) and **Love Learn Listen** (Fujiwara Dance Inventions), and for the film documentary **You Are Here**, directed by Moze Mossanen for Bell Media/HBO.

As a video artist, she has designed the stage visuals for **She Sings as She Flies** and for her **Patchwork** and **Videovoce** stage productions. Her experimental dance and music videos have screened at art and film festivals in six countries; her film **one two many few** was recently chosen for the **Regards Hybrides** collection of Canadian screendance works, premiering online in March 2023.

Laurel received a **SOCAN Award** in 2021 for her work (as co-composer, with Phil Strong) on the film documentary **You Are Here**. She was nominated for a **Dora Award** (Toronto Alliance for the Performing Arts, 2018) for **SDX**, and has received a **Scotiabank People's Choice Award** (Scotiabank Nuit Blanche, 2010), an **Essential Echoes Album of the Year** (Public Radio International, 2005), and a **Gemini Award** (Canadian Screen Awards, 2003).

She is currently recording the music for a new album entitled **I Eat the Stars** and is embarking on the next development phase for the **Moving Parts** dance production, premiering in Toronto in August 2023.

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