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MUSICIAN
live/session

- Hill & The Sky Heroes (PuckEye Records/EMI) 2011-present**
Guitar/Bass/Keyboards/Drums/Vocals – Solo project. Co-produced debut album '11:11' with Adrian "X" Eccleston (Drake/Kylie Minogue/The Weeknd) and performed most instrumentation. Album features appearances by Serena Ryder, Damhnait Doyle, Donna Grantis (Prince), Doc (Drake/The Weeknd) and Martha & The Muffins. Festival appearances include Music Matters in Singapore and NXNE, CMW in Canada. Album charted in the Top 10 of several campus radio charts across Canada during the summer of 2012. New single "The Flame" from 'Dark Days' charted on campus radio, CBC and got Top 40 radio play. Music placements include Degraasi: The Next Generation and Pulling Strings for "No Man's Land". "The Better Way" was placed in Australian drama "Offspring". "In Your Eyes" was placed in a Virgin Mobile Canada ad.
- Serena Ryder (Serenader Source Inc./Universal/Capitol Records) 2012-2017**
Keyboards/Guitar/Percussion/Back-Up Vocals - Toured across North America for headlining tours, festivals and support slots in support of Juno-award winning "Harmony" album. Television appearance highlights include The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, 2015 PanAm Games Closing Ceremonies, 2013 and 2014 Juno Awards, 2013 MuchMusic Video Awards, NYE 2013 and 2014, Entertainment Tonight, Canada AM, Breakfast Television, CMT's Setlist and radio promotions across the United States and Canada. Played in support for One Republic, Sara Bareilles, Melissa Etheridge and BB King. Festivals included Oshauga, VH1's Mixtape, Ottawa Bluesfest and the Winnipeg Folk Festival. Also provided piano on the iTunes Sessions release.
- Julius Geezer (Independent) 2016**
Keyboards/Piano – Steve Jocz 's (SUM41) solo project produced by his old bandmate Cone McCaslin. Provided piano/keyboards on three songs ("Win Some", "Rome", "Comedian") for EP.
- Huey Mack (Huey Mack LLC) 2015**
Keys/Guitar/Back-Up Vocals – performed with Huey for his SessionsX performance with Gavin Brown, airing online.
- Meghan Patrick (Warner) 2015**
Keys/Guitar/Back-Up Vocals – performed with Meghan for her showcases and the 2015 Para PanAm Games Closing Ceremonies.
- Anna Toth (Independent) 2015**
Piano – performed piano on "Don't Rush Me" from Toth's EP 'Feeling Lost, Feeling Seen' produced by Jay "Cone" McCaslin.
- Matt Blais (Make Music Matter/Western Union) 2014**
Keys/Back-Up Vocals – performed on My Song For Change charity single "Fire From The Spark" featuring Sam Roberts, Cone (SUM41) and Ian D'Sa (Billy Talent).
- Adrian X (Universal) 2014**
Bass – performed bass on "Limitless" for debut record of Drake/Kylie Minogue guitarist, Adrian "X" Eccleston. Played live.
- Danny Michel (Six Shooter Records/Warner Music Canada) 2013**
Wurlitzer/Guitar/Banjo/Back-Up Vocals – Toured across Ontario for Danny's winter 2013 tour.
- Martha Johnson (Muffin Music) 2013**
Back-Up Vocals – provided vocals on Martha Johnson of Martha and the Muffins' solo record Solo.One for "My Reverie". Martha also recorded the co-written "No Man's Land" on this album.
- Saidah Baba Talibah (CLK Creative Works) 2011-2013**
Keyboards/Guitar/Back-Up Vocals – toured in France, England, Germany, Singapore and Canada over the span of two years. Festival appearances include NXNE, CMW, MIDEM, Reeperbahn Festival, Generiq Festival, Transmusicales Festival, Music Matters, Toronto Jazz Festival, and played in support of Bootsey Collins (Parliament-Funkadelic) and Trombone Shorty. Played on and co-produced "Revolution" single which was placed in Tyler Perry's film "The Single Moms Club".
- The Cliks (Bandwidth/Universal) 2010-2013**
Bass/Guitar/Keyboards/Back-Up Vocals – toured in Canada, Germany, Poland and the United States. Also played, wrote and produced on The Cliks' latest release "Black Tie Elevator". Festival highlights include L-Beach, Toronto Pride, Halifax Pride, Calgary Pride and Off Plus Camera Film Festival. Supporting slots include Cyndi Lauper, Bif Naked, Indigo Girls, Uh Huh Her and Peaches.
- The Weeknd (XO/Republic/Universal) 2011-2012**
Bass/Keyboards/Back-Up Vocals – Toured for all shows during this period. Highlights include debut sold-out performance at the Mod Club and OVO Fest at the Molson Amphitheatre sharing the stage with Drake, Stevie Wonder, Lil' Wayne and Rick Ross
- Dane Hartsell (21 Music/EMI) 2010-2012**
Guitar/Bass/Back-Up Vocals – toured and played key industry showcases. Festival appearances include NXNE and CMW.

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Guitar/Keyboards/Back-Up Vocals – toured Ontario and showcases. Also provided vocals on the co-written track "The Pulse" for their 2012 release "Collide & Conquer".

Keshia Chante (Universal) 2011

Bass – performed for Ontario/Quebec promotional dates.

Alyssa Reid (WAX Records/Universal) 2011

Bass – performed promotional events including New Music Live on MuchMusic.

Robyn Dell'Unto (Choosie Records/Fontana North) 2011

Guitar/Back-Up Vocals – performed several shows and showcases including Canadian Music Week

Mercy, The Sexton (Independent) 2010-2011

Bass/Back-Up Vocals – played NXNE, CMW and Nathan Phillips Square showcases with the group in addition to writing and performing on four songs for their sophomore release "Say It Back". Co-writes include "He Said, She Said", "Months Go By", "I'm Only Saying" and "Away, Away".

Martha and the Muffins (Muffin Music) 2009-2011

Guitar/Percussion/Back-Up Vocals – performed shows and promos associated with "Delicate" and "30th Anniversary Edition of Echo Beach" releases. Radio appearances include CBC's "Q". Co-wrote "Big Day" on 30th Anniversary release in addition to playing on 'Echo Beach'.

Tara Slone (The Orange Record Label) 2006-2010

Guitar/Back-Up Vocals – played on national radio/television promotional tour and other festival dates. Television and radio appearances included CityTV, Entertainment Tonight Canada, Canada AM, Global Morning News, ARTV/TFO's Pour Un Soir Seulement, CBC Radio and Standard Radio.

Andrea Wasse (EMI Music Publishing) 2009-2010

Guitar/Back-Up Vocals – played showcases including CMW and NXNE for Wasse's new solo material.

Mookie & The Loyalists (Sony Music Canada) 2010

Back-Up Vocals – sang on the co-written track "Took Me By Surprise" for the debut release.

Ole Music Publishing 2008

Vocals – recorded demo vocals for Ole's catalogue for synch pitching recorded by producer Jeff Dalziel.

LA Guns (Alexus Records) 2008

Keyboards/String Arrangement – played on "Save Someone" for upcoming release produced by Steve Thompson (Madonna/Guns n' Roses/Duran Duran)

Drowning Girl (PuckEye Records/EMI) 2006-2008

Guitar/Bass/Keyboards/Vocals – sole writer/producer/front-woman/musician. Toured across Canada, New York and Atlanta. Showcases included CMW, NXNE, COCA and Atlantis Music Festival. Music video for "Caught By The Rope" was in medium rotation on MuchMusic and single "Dead or Alive" received moderate radio place on standard radio in Ontario. Single "Bang" received #1 or Top 10 status on several campus radio charts across Canada. Radio/Television appearances include: CBC Sunday News, SunTV, IndigoTV, Omni Television.

Andrea England (Lemonade Factory) 2005-2007

Guitar/Back-Up Vocals – performed for series on showcases and concerts, including England's debut at The Living Room in NYC and her East Coast homecoming show.

Jeen O'Brien (Independent) 2004-2005

Bass/Back-Up Vocals – performed bass on the Ontario tour. Showcases included CMW, NXNE and Boston Pop Overthrow.

The Sirens/The Clips/Hill (Independent) 1999-2005.

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WRITING
songwriting/scoring

Songwriting

1998-present

Was a part of the **Canadian Idol** Songwriting camp for 2007 and 2008 and has been invited to the **Songwriter's Association of Canada's** SongWorks writing camp.

In addition to her own musical projects, artist such as **Meghan Patrick** ("Nothing But A Song"), **Graph** ("Animal", "Father, Father", "Eyes Are Like Windows", "Bad Behaviour"), **Elle De Luna** ("Gaslight"), **Martha and the Muffins** ("Big Day"), **SATE** ("Know My Name"), **The Cliks** ("Savanna", "Gone", "No Good Do-Er"), **Hunter Valentine** ("The Pulse"), **Mookie & The Loyalists** ("Took Me By Surprise"), **Andrea England** ("Hothouse Flower"), **Stacy Ricker** ("Skin On A Skeleton", "Tragic Novel"), **Nicole Rosas** ("Karmic Kisses"), **Dane Hartsell** ("Nothing"), **Mercy The Sexton** ("He Said, She Said", "I'm Only Saying", "Months Go By", "Away, Away"), **Martha Johnson** ("No Man's Land"), **Mackenzie** ("Dirty Little Mouth") **get rebel.** ("Lovestruck") and **Katelyn Dawn** ("Gotta Get Out of Here") have recorded and released songs she has written/co-written.

Is the recipient of several awards including **Radio Star** ("Dead or Alive", 2007), **We Are Listening** ("Dead or Alive", 2007), was a finalist in the **USA Songwriting Competition** ("Bang", 2007) and a semi-finalist in the **International Songwriting Competition** ("Dead or Alive", 2006 and "Bang", 2007). Has also been invited to lecture at Durham College and high schools across Ontario to speak with students about songwriting process and profession.

Song placements include **Degrassi: The Next Generation**, **Private Eyes**, **Pulling Strings**, **Renegade Press**, **Virgin Mobile** and **Urban Planet**

Film/TV/Ad Composition

2012-present

FILM:

- Scored short-film "**Grimey**" (BAMN Productions, 2012) directed by Al Mukadam

TELEVISION:

- Composed 5 songs for **The Adventures of Napkin Man**, Season 3 (CBC, 2017) starring Yannick Bisson

PSA:

- "**Get Women Working**" PSA (ACTRA, 2012) which she also directed, starring acclaimed Canadian actors such as Tantoo Cardinal, Jayne Eastwood, Angela Asher, Athena Karkanis, Jane Luk and Tabby Johnson

COMMERCIALS:

- Scored **Cadillac's 2017 ATS Sedan** commercial (Agency: Tom & Dave Inc.)

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PRODUCER	Jules – People Watching (<i>Independent</i>)	2017
	Producer/Arranger/Engineer/Musician/Mixer/Writer – Sophomore album for Jules. Co-wrote 4 Songs ("Prey", "Before You Picked Her", "Dessert First", "Dakota"). Produced 8 songs.	
	Elle.De.Luna – Gaslight - Single (<i>Independent</i>)	2017
	Producer/Arranger/Engineer/Musician/Mixer/Writer – Debut single for Elle de Luna.	
	EH440 – Run Run Rudolph - Single (<i>Independent</i>)	2016
	Producer/ Engineer – Christmas Single for acclaimed acapella group	
	EH440 – Boss Level (<i>Independent</i>)	2016
	Producer/Arranger/Engineer – Sophomore LP for acclaimed acapella group.	
	Nicole Rosas – This Lane Ends - EP (<i>Independent</i>)	2016
	Producer/Arranger/Engineer/Performer/Writer/Mixer – Debut EP for Nicole Rosas.	
	Graph – Lipstick Graphiti (<i>Independent</i>)	2016
	Producer/Arranger/Engineer/Musician/Writer – debut album from acclaimed songwriter Graph (Esthero/Clipse/Hawksley Workman). Wrote and Produced or Co-Produced 4 out of 8 tracks. Co-writes/Co-Produced include "Animal" with Chad Hugo of The Neptunes/N.E.R.D and "Bad Behaviour" with Melle of Tone Mason, "Eyes Are Like Windows" and "Father Father".	
	Gus – Breaking Out - Single (<i>Independent</i>)	2015
	Co-Producer/Arranger/Engineer/Musician/Writer – First single from Gus. Co-Produced with Tim Thorney.	
	Hill & The Sky Heroes – Electric Matter - EP (<i>Independent</i>)	2015
	Producer/Arranger/Engineer/Performer/Writer/Mixer – EP 2 from "The Great Year" sophomore LP. Co-writes include Serena Ryder ("Beats In The Body) and Graph ("Who Am I"). Chicago rapper Tree did a remix of "Who Am I".	
	Hill & The Sky Heroes – Dark Days - EP (<i>Independent</i>)	2015
	Producer/Arranger/Engineer/Performer/Writer/Mixer – EP 1 from "The Great Year" sophomore LP. Single "The Flame" charted on campus and CBC charts and received some Top 40 radio play.	
	EH440 – Turn Me Up (<i>Independent</i>)	2014
	Producer/Arranger/Engineer – debut album for acclaimed acapella group	
	The Cliks – Black Tie Elevator (<i>Bandwidth/Universal</i>)	2013
	Producer/Arranger/Musician/Engineer/Writer/Mixer – 4 th studio album release for The Cliks mixed by Barb Morrison (Blondie/Rufus Wainwright), Hillary Johnson (The Ramones/Jeff Buckley) and Tony Maserati (Beyonce/Robin Thicke). Co-wrote 3 of the songs that appear on the record including "Gone", "No Good Do-Er" and the lead single "Savanna" which was added into heavy rotation on MuchMusic. Played majority of the instruments on the album.	
	Hill & The Sky Heroes – 11:11 (<i>PuckEye Records/EMI</i>)	2012
	Producer/Arranger/Musician/Engineer/Writer/Mixer – co-produced with Adrian "X" Eccleston (Drake/Kylie Minogue). Album received much acclaim and song placements in Degraasi: The Next Generation and El Cantante Mexicano. Artists appearing on the album include Serena Ryder, Doc (The Weeknd/Drake), Damhnait Doyle, Martha and the Muffins, Donna Grantis (Prince) and Saidah Baba Talibah. Wrote/Co-Wrote all 11 tracks as well as played majority of instruments.	
	Hill & The Sky Heroes – 11EP (<i>PuckEye Records/EMI</i>)	2011
	Producer/Arranger/Musician/Engineer/Writer/Mixer – co-produced with Adrian "X" Eccleston (Drake/Kylie Minogue). Album received 4 stars in NOW Magazine's album reviews.	
	Stacy Ricker – Anatomy of a Broken Heart (<i>Puckeye Records/Universal</i>)	2011
	Producer/Arranger/Musician/Writer – debut album for singer-songwriter. Co-wrote 2 of the songs on the album ("Tragic Novel", "Skin On A Skeleton")	
	Saidah Baba Talibah – Revolution – Single (<i>CLK Creative Works</i>)	2011

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Co-Producer/Arranger/Musician – featured in the trailer and upcoming Tyler Perry film "The Single Moms Club". Recently picked up for distribution in Germany and Australia.

Lucas Silveira – Mockingbird (*Independent*) **2011**

Producer/Arranger/Musician/Engineer/Mixer – cover acoustic EP. Listed as The Advocate Magazine's "Top 10 Albums of 2011".

Martha and the Muffins – Echo Beach 30th Anniversary Edition EP - Single (*Muffin Music*) **2010**

Producer/Arranger/Musician/Writer – co-wrote B-Side "Big Day" in addition to playing and singing on "Echo Beach" and "Big Day"

Hunter Valentine – Something Old, Something New... (*True North Records*) **2009**

Producer/Engineer – recorded "Just A Little While Longer" for live show CD

Drowning Girl – Bang! (*PuckEye Records/EMI*) **2009**

Co-Producer/Arranger/Musician/Writer – co-produced with Simon Wilcox (BEAST/Three Days Grace). Charted on campus radio charts across Canada and single "Dead or Alive" played on standard radio stations in Ontario.

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REMIXES	Hill & The Sky Heroes – Who Am I (feat. Tree)	2015
	SATE – Warrior (The Sky Heroes Remix)	2015
	Graph Gonzales – The Light's Out (The Sky Heroes Remix)	2015
	July Talk – Paper Girl (The Sky Heroes Remix)	2015
	Dear Rouge – Black To Gold (The Sky Heroes Remix)	2015
	Adam Cohen – We Go Home (The Sky Heroes Remix)	2015

COMPANIES	The Lair (Owner)	2007-present
	Toronto-based recording studio. Produces, arranges, engineers, mixes and performs duties as musician on sound recordings for artists and scores for commercials, film and television.	
	PuckEye Records (Co-Owner/A&R)	2006-2012
	Was the co-founder and A&R of the record label which received distribution through EMI Music Canada and later Universal Music Canada. Oversaw the release of Drowning Girl's "Bang!" and Hill & The Sky Heroes' "11EP" and "11:11" between 2007-2012.	

EDUCATION	Ryerson University – BFA Image Arts (Film Studies)	2009
	Graduated with Honours	
	RCM – Vocal Performance	2001-2004
	Grade 8, Opera (Studied with Mary-Ruth Roadhouse)	
	RCM – Piano Performance	1998-2004
	Grade 6 (Studied with Tania Huk)	
	RCM – Theory	2003
	Level 2 (Studied with Tania Huk)	
	Durham School of Music – Guitar	1997-2003
	Studied with Ray Hickey Jr.	

GUILDS/ASSOC.	Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Arts (ACTRA)
	American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP)
	American Federation of Musicians (AFM)
	Canadian Musical Reproduction Rights Agency (CMRRA)
	Musicians Rights Organization (MROC)
	Songwriters Association of Canada (SAC)
	Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada (SOCAN)

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AWARDS

Canadian Radio Star 2007

Regional and National Winner for song "Dead or Alive"

International Songwriting Competition 2006-2007

Semi-Finalist for song "Dead or Alive" in Teen category (2006)

Semi-Finalist for song "Bang" in Rock category (2007)

USA Songwriting Competition 2007

Finalist for song "Bang"

We Are Listening 2007

Round 2 Winner for song "Bang" in the Singer/Songwriter category

Round 2 Finalist for "Caught By The Rope" in the New Music Video category

Select Press, Publications & Appearances

Books

"Oh What A Feeling: A Vital History of Canadian Music-The Next Generation"
by Martin Melhuish (Fox Music Books, 2014)

- Featured in the 10 Hottest Emerging Artists list

Interviews/Articles/Reviews (Online & Print)

Canadian Press, Toronto Star, The Sun, The Globe and Mail, NOW Magazine, Metro News, blogTO, The Toronto Times, Exclaim!, Sticky Magazine, MVRemix, Raise The Hammer, AlanCross.ca, Toro Magazine, Grayowl Point, VY Goes 360, Snob's Music, Music Weekly Asia, In Toronto Magazine, Iluvliola, GBA PodRadio, Guelph Mercury, Plaid Magazine, 1VIBE

Radio (Online & Broadcast)

IndieCan, Y108, Mix 99.9, PROUD FM, Purple Haze Radio, Q, CBC Radio 1 and 2, CHUM FM, Corus Entertainment, Virgin Radio, Standard Radio Stations, Galaxie Radio, Campus Radio, Sirius XM Satellite Radio

Television Appearances

2015 PanAm Games Closing Ceremonies, 2015 Para PanAm Closing Ceremonies, CBC Quietest Concert Ever, SessionsX, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, 2013 Juno Awards, 2014 Juno Awards, 2013 MuchMusic Video Awards, Much Music's Big Jingle, New.Music.Live, WeDay, CityTV's NYE 2013, ET Canada's NYE 2014, CBC Morning News, Canada AM, Breakfast Television, Entertainment Tonight Canada, eTalk, CMT "Set-List", Pour Un Soir Seulement, En Mode Salvail

SKILLS

Session/Live Musician: guitar, bass, piano, keyboards, synthesizers, drums, percussion and vocalist

Composer: songwriting for artists (pop, rock, R&B, urban, hip-hop, country, electronic, dance, blues, jazz), arrangements for recordings and scoring for commercials, television and film

Producer/Engineer/Mixer: proficient in ProTools, Logic, Ableton, Garage Band, programming, vocals and string arranging

OTHER

Grand Jury member for the 2014, 2015 and 2016 Toronto Independent Music Awards