

Allison Lupton- *biography*

"Allison Lupton's balance of strong composition and sensitive musicality makes her a fine contemporary songwriter and interpreter of the tradition and the works of her fellow songsmiths." - Archie Fisher

Born and raised on a second generation dairy farm in Southwestern Ontario, Allison Lupton has always been immersed in Canadian folk life, but it took a love and intense study of Irish and Celtic music for her to find her way to the Canadian folk music tradition that she's grown up around. After working with various bands and groups including Killiecrankie, which was regularly heard on CBC Radio's legendary Max Ferguson Show, Lupton began releasing music under her own name in 2001 with her debut album "My True Love".

The album launched her solo career, performing across Canada, the United States, and the UK with her all-star band- Tony McManus, Joseph Phillips, Andrew Collins, Ivan Rosenberg and Shane Cook, among others. Allison has since recorded 3 solo CDs and was featured on CBC Radio's Vinyl Café and BBC Radio nan Gàidheal.

Allison has collaborated with artists such as the Lucky Sisters (So Lucky), The Youngun's (The Eve of Christmas Day) and Craig Werth (When Trouble Comes). In 2015 Lupton won **Folk Music Ontario's "Songs From the Heart" grand prize** for her song "**One More Day**". Allison has been honoured with 3 nominations by the **Canadian Folk Music Awards** including most recently (2020) "**Traditional Singer of the Year**" for her CD "**Words of Love**".

