

## BIOGRAPHY of Monta Tupcijenko

Monta Tupčijenko is a pop/rock/jazz singer and a vocal coach from Latvia, currently living in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

Monta's music education began with classical piano lessons at the Valmiera Music School when she was 9. She also has been singing ever since but at the age of 17 she started to take vocal lessons with vocal teachers as Daina Libauere, Inga Bērziņa and Kadri Voorand etc.

In 2013, Monta graduated bachelor's studies at the Riga Teacher Training and Educational Management Academy and obtained jazz and popular music teacher's degree. During her bachelor's studies, Monta also took part in the Erasmus student exchange program at the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre (Tallinn, Estonia).

Monta's experience as a vocal coach started by giving countless private lessons ever since 2009 as well as continued by her working as a vocal teacher at the Valmiera Music School and Valmiera's Youth Center "Vinda".

Monta's experiences with stage performances include her being a part of various bands: "Monka" (acoustic rock and jazz, 2011), "The Quinters" (pop and original music, 2011), "Monta Tupcijenko's Jazz Group" (jazz, 2012), "Body & Soul" (rock and pop, 2013), "Let's groove" (funk and rock'n'roll, 2013), "Cover Duo" (acoustic rock and pop, 2014), "Monta Tupcijenko Band" (jazz and original music, 2015) her contribution including primarily voice and keyboard and also percussions, bass guitar, arrangements. She has sung and performed live to audiences of many of the respectable venues in Latvia and the Netherlands on a regular basis since 2011.

Monta has attended various festivals (such as "North Sea Round Town", "Brass & Jazz", "Saulkrasti Jazz" et. al.) and workshops has been privileged to be coached by internationally acclaimed musicians and vocal teachers, such as, Kurt Elling (USA), Brian Zalmijn (the Netherlands), JD Walter (USA), Dominique Eade (USA), Joey Blake (USA) and many more, incl. classes ran by experts in instruments and jazz theory. Also very important part of her education takes Estill Vocal Technique taught by Helga Westmark (Denmark) and Marcello Zempt (Italy) and Complete Vocal Technique course taught by Anka Koziel (the Netherlands).

Monta has been taking part in various singing contests, both, in Latvia and abroad. She has successfully participated in competitions such as Latvia's talent contest's "Ineses Galantes Talanti.LV" (2014), 5th International Vocal Arts and Dance festival-contest "Ялтинский Берег - 2011" in Yalta, Ukraine (2011), talent contest „Lai skan!" (2008) etc.

In 2014, Monta Tupcijenko moved to Rotterdam, the Netherlands where she is currently working on various projects with different musicians for both original and cover music.