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artist's bio

Coming from a long line of visual artists, poets and musicians, Nadine LaFond grew up surrounded by a creative family madly in love with a variety of cultural sounds, especially from Cuba, Mexico and their native Haiti. After the entire family moved to the States, their parents fell in love with American music and for many years Dad brought home a new tune to share with their children every week.

As a vocalist and songwriter, Nadine is inspired by American & Caribbean roots music, blues, jazz, hip hop, classical influences (mostly through her brother, opera singer and conductor, *Jean Ronald LaFond*) her studies with master percussionist, *Ahmondylla Best* and her expanding love of global rhythms and melodies, she writes songs that embrace a variety of styles, cultures and eras to create a unifying contemporary sound.

She has a unique ability to connect with audiences with her captivating stage presence and fearless voice, be it on a festival stage singing to 10,000 people or (even better) up close and in person. Equally comfortable singing in her native Haitian Creole or English, LaFond is a mesmerizing performer.

Nadine was born in Brooklyn, NY and raised in New Jersey where she currently lives, and studied at *Rutgers University's Mason Gross School of the Arts*. She is presently an art educator / teaching artist with *Paul Robeson Galleries* at Rutgers University. She is also a session vocalist and has recently recorded with progressive rock band *moe.* and bassist / composer *Mike Gordon*.

To learn more about the artist, visit www.artlives.net.

SHOW CASES

w/ Swampadelica
moe.down # 9; All Good Festival
SkyFest, MuzikFest; Sterling Stage Folk Fest
Evolve Music & Arts Fest
HomeGrownRadioNJ Music Festival

VENUES

Baz Bar, Gustavia, St Barth's
Sarah Street Grill, Stroudsburg, PA
SpeakEasy Gallery, Boonton, NJ
w/ Swampadelica
NJPAC; Sullivan Hall; The 8x10
Wellsville Creative Arts Center
River Street Jazz Café; The Stanhope House
Historic Blirstown Theater

PERFORMED WITH

David Bryan of *Bon Jovi*
w/ Swampadelica
Bernie Worell
Todd Sheaffer & Andy Goesling
of Railroad Earth