

KASHIMANA AHUA

SONGWRITER COMPOSER MUSICIAN

VOCALIST AND GUITARIST

PROFILE

Driven performing musician, composer and excellent collaborator with a passion for creative music making, songwriting, and interpretation.

EDUCATION

2014 - 2017
McNally Smith College of Music
Bachelor of Music in Composition
Summa Cum Laude

2003 - 2006
McNally Smith College of Music
AAS Music Production
Cum Laude

SELECTED DISCOGRAPHY

June 2017
Love from the Sun
Kashimana

June 2012
Funkalicious Supa Tite
The Brandon Projekt

GRANTS & AWARDS

2020 Sprig of That MetroBlend Commission
2019 Cedar Commissions Artist and Composer
2018 - 2019 In Common Willmar Residency
2018 and 2019 Northern Spark Artist
2016 St. Paul Star Program MMC Micro-grant
Recipient
2015 + 2017 Arts InSpired Music Project

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Kashimana 2000 -
Current
Pop, Soul, R&B, Alternative

Lead vocalist, guitarist, songwriter performed at Seward Creamery (2017), MSP Airport, MN State Fair, The French Hen Cafe, Northern Spark, Music in the Parks - Father Hennepin Bluff, Humphrey Mondale Dinner, Little Africa Festival, SP Art Crawl, Mother Fest Hornucopia, Power of 10, The Champions 2017 - Current (cover bands)

Lead and BG Vocalist performed at Edina Art Fair, Manitou Days, Weddings, Champps, Marketfest WBL, Excelsior Brewery, NE Brewers Block Party, Zumbrota Theater

Kash and Khary 2012 - 2017
(Eclectic acoustic duo)

Lead vocalist, guitarist, songwriter performed at Porch Fest, Hydrocephalus Association Walk, Walk for Hunger, Twin Cities Justice Festival, Seward Creamery, MSP Airport

The Brandon Projekt 2009 - 2016
(NeoSoul original band)

Lead Vocalist, Background Vocals, Songwriter performed at Bedlam Theater, Icehouse,

SKILLS

Song Writing and Lyric Writing
Arranging and Production
Film Scoring
Performing and Project Management

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WORK EXPERIENCE

July 2018 - July 2019
Composer in Residence
In Common Willmar, MN

Teaching songwriting composer and artists
guiding the community of Willmar to share
their stories through songwriting, poetry and
music.

June 2018 - Current
Founder, Writer and Composer
Sun Baby Publishing

Writing Music that Shines.

August 2013 - December 2017
Admissions Coordinator
Admissions Counselor
McNally Smith College of Music

Provided administrative support for the
admissions office by mail, phone, email, social
media and walk in visits.
Facilitated the movement of 3000 prospective
leads over 3-5 years through the student
application funnel.

January 2011 - December 2016
Co-Founder
Dream Halo Productions

Installed and managed recording studio
equipment, software (Logic and Garageband)
and oversaw administrative duties.
Planned and organized recording projects
including arrangement, engineering, and
editing, composing, songwriting and mixing.

AFFILIATIONS

McNally Smith Songwriter's Circle Leader
September 2015 - 2017

MN Music Coalition (MMC) Member
January 2017 - Present

American Composers Forum Member
July 2018 - Present

ASCAP Member
2012 - Present