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Who knew a *Cellist* could be so much fun.....



*Morag Northey*



## Artist Statement

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Cellist, Singer, Songwriter, Composer, Arranger, Pianist, Poet

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*"To have a career where I share my music, experience,  
and send out love and encouragement to others is my dream."*

*Use me, and my voice as an artist to send a message of love and hope to the world...*

*I have been performing as an artist (cellist) for 28 years. My career has taken me to many places and I have been blessed with experiences that have fed my soul and my music.*

*I am in an unusual situation - as a single mother of two beautiful girls, I've have had many rough periods - and yet it has always been important to me to share messages of hope with others. And so when the lights go down and the house is sound asleep I have been quietly, and carefully developing a broader sense of who I am, and what I can give as an artist.*

*I have a CD coming out this spring with my group "Red Venus Blue Tango" called '**This is the Life**' where I am lead singer, songwriter, cellist, and pianist. Music samples from the CD can be found directly at: HYPERLINK "<http://www.redvenusbluetango.com/index.html>" Please have a listen.*

*My group "Red Venus Blue Tango" has a world feel, and have been hired in the past 5 or so years to represent the multi-cultural aspect of the city of Calgary, on behalf of the Telus Convention Centre, and the City of Calgary. We have travelled to sell our city to others places in the world. We have performed to enthusiastic audiences in Calgary, Toronto, Ottawa, twice in Washington DC (Canadian consulate), and New York. The response to our music and the music's subject matter has been extremely positive - I am excited to finally see all these years of creative energy brought to the public.*

*Giving back to the community and to the world is one of my greatest passions. I was very proud when my eldest daughter turned 8, and decided to dedicate her birthday party to bringing a World Vision child into our lives. The children donated money to her first year with us, and (with thanks to my friend Brent VanDusen), played world drums in celebration - we'll be repeating this for my youngest daughter's 11th birthday!*

*It is my hope, that through my music, people feel loved and motivated to love. Inspired by this, I have recently written a song **Sending Love**. Sending Love will be launched as the Encore to my CD Release "This is the Life" slated for April 25th at the Grand Theatre in Calgary AB. "Sending Love" can be heard on my website: HYPERLINK "[http://www.moragnorthey.com/mnt\\_projects.html](http://www.moragnorthey.com/mnt_projects.html)" thank you for sharing this song.*

*As a committed artist on the verge of coming out, I am open and welcoming creatively powerful opportunities to help realize the potential of my music, and in doing so, sharing it's positive message with the world. Thank you so much for your time, consideration, listening, looking, and interest in my music, heart, head and my soul.*

*Welcome to my World!*



## Biography

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*...her works are infused with **classical training, global contemporary cabaret,**  
a hint of **avant-garde, a sense of 'other-worldliness,' and humor.***

Originally from Vancouver, Morag has been many permutations of: cellist, singer, songwriter, composer, teacher, pianist and poet in **Calgary** for over **18 years**. Her studies at the **Banff Centre**, **University of Texas at Austin**, and **University of Calgary**, helped to build a solid foundation for her professional career.

**VAD Ensemble**, created in 1991, shows off Morag's ability as leader, soloist, chamber musician and arranger. Morag has performed with a number of orchestras, which include: the **Austin Symphony**, and **Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra**. She has played for musical productions: **West Side Story**, **The Phantom of the Opera** (Live Ent. Inc. Touring Orchestra), **Les Miserables** (Mirvish Productions), **Annie** (Theatre Calgary), **Beauty and the Beast** (Theatre Calgary), **Camelot** (Live Nation, Theatre Calgary), **Royal Winnipeg Ballet** and **National Ballet** touring Orchestras.

Morag performs for a wide variety of events such as: **One Yellow Rabbit's 25th Anniversary** with Calgary's Greek/world band **Rembetika Hipsters**. She has freelanced with celebrities: **Tony Bennett**, **Lyle Lovett**, **Johnny Mathis**, **Linda Ronstadt**, **Rod Stewart** and has recorded with artists: **Wil**, **Kristoph Franz**, **Jeff Landeen**, **Lin Elder**, **Jasmine Whenem**, **Jane Hawley**, and **Mike Stack**, and **Onalea Gilbertson**.

**Lilies of the Field**, a recording on which Morag is *composer, arranger, cellist, singer, and co-producer*, was *nominated* most "**Inspirational Album of the Year**" for the *Gospel Music Association of Canada's 29th Annual Covenant Awards*, 2007.

**Creating original music** and collaborating with other artists to bring their vision to life is one of Morag's great passions. Recent collaborations include: **Blanche** - a poetic song cycle by Onalea Gilbertson along with Jonathan Lewis (*Banff Centre*) **Why Freud Fainted** - music co-created by Playwright David Rhymer, Celene Yohemes (*Alberta Theatre Projects*) and the upcoming **Queen Lear** by Eugene Stickland (*Urban Curvz*).

Whether it be performing original compositions as cellist and singer, simultaneously accompanying herself with drums (*Springboard Dance Company's* vertical dance production of **Corvidae** by Trina Rasmusen), or using three different cello's and cello tunings, played standing & dancing to her composed soundtrack of five songs (*One Yellow Rabbit 2008 Summer Lab Intensive* - final performance, **Out of the Storm**)... Morag's creative inspiration has continually lead her to push boundaries of expression.

Morag has written, arranged, performed and expressed her talents as singer, songwriter, cellist, and pianist for the original Canadian folk improv group **Tsk**, and Parisian Moulin Rouge, French Art Song Duo, **She** with Onalea Gilbertson.

*Working with film is one of Morag's true callings.* Her music can be heard as recording artist in the Canadian Film Productions: **Opening Night**, **The Former Mrs. Butterfly**, **Beauty Crowds Me**, and the *Genie-nominated short*, **Claire**. She composed and recorded cello and piano in the sound score for *Nicole Tritter's* dance film, **Enticed**, and has been heard on *soundtracks for film, and music video* with composer **Bruce Leitl** at *Six Degrees*.

While Calgary group **Cielo** originally showcased her songs, it was **And so it goes** (now **Red Venus Blue Tango**) that took them on the road performing in the US and Canada (*Canadian Embassy - Washington DC - Alberta at the Smithsonian, and celebrating Alberta's 100th year, Alberta Scene - Ottawa*).

**Red Venus Blue Tango** is releasing its first CD, **This is the Life** in the spring of 2009. This recording features original songs by **Morag** and **Brent Van Dusen** (percussionist, composer, singer, pianist, and electronica) with **Jonathan Lewis** (violin and accordion). Recorded at Vancouver's **Bakerstreet Studios** and produced by amazing guitarist, singer, songwriter brother **Craig Northey**, mixed by **Russell Broom**, mastered by **Dave Horrocks**, and Cover Design created by *Juno Award winner* **Michael Wrycraft**.

When teaching her 30 cello students ages 4 - 60, and an adult cello choir **Good Vibrations**, Morag brings all the music home to her **Broadview Cello Studio**.

*Home, shared with her two beautiful, and supportive children - is her Sanctuary.*

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## Past Itinerary

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*"....over the wild strings of Morag's gorgeous inventive cello!"*

January 2008 - December 2008

January 13-18	Red Venus Blue Tango	Artist Rehearse/Writers Retreat Canmore AB
January 19	Red Venus Blue Tango	Concert Manor House Elbow Park, 130 attended
January 26	Red Venus Blue Tango	Concert Grace Presbyterian Church Calgary, 60 attended
February 7	CJSW	Live interview and performance
February 9	Red Venus Blue Tango	Concert Beat Niq Jazz and Social Club over packed house
February 13	VAD Ensemble concert	
February 15-21	Red Venus Blue Tango	Record the CD in Vancouver at Baker Street Studios
February 22-24	Blanche Project	Workshop ( <a href="http://www.onalea.com/blanche.html">www.onalea.com/blanche.html</a> )
February 25	Kiwanis Music Festival	Cello Students in Kiwanis Festival
March 5 - April 27	Beauty and the Beast, Theatre Calgary	Cellist/Steward. 8-9 Shows per week
April 29 - May 5	Blanche	Banff Centre Residency and Performances
May 7	John Thiel Studio	Recording - Artist CD
May 30-31	Blanche	Recording (Demo)
June 11	John Thiel Studio	Recording - Artist CD
June 12	One Yellow Rabbit	25th Anniversary - Performed with Rembetika Hipsters
June 13	Sundae Sound	Recording - Artist CD
June 14	VAD Ensemble	Solo Cello
June 14	VAD Ensemble	Violin and Cello Duo
June 15	Song Writer's Workshop	Kit Johnson
June 21	John Thiel Studio	Recording - Artist CD
June 30-July 20	One Yellow Rabbit Summer Lab Intensive	Three Week Acting, Writing, and Visualizing
July 4-10	Broadview Studio	Cello Technique Camp - organized and taught
July 12	Louis Sedmak Studio Recording	Artist CD
July 19	VAD Ensemble	Violin and Cello Duo
July 21- 25	Broadview Studio	Cello Chamber Music Camp - Organized and taught
July 26	VAD Ensemble	Piano Trio
Aug 8	VAD Ensemble	String Quartet
Aug 9	VAD Ensemble	String Quartet
Aug 10-18	Blanche	Sunset Theatre, Wells BC
Aug 31	VAD Ensemble	Violin and Cello Duo
Sept 5	VAD Ensemble	Solo Cello
Sept 13-14	Blanche	CD Recording
Sept 14	Louis Sedmak Recording	Artist CD
Sept 20	VAD Ensemble	Solo Cello
Sept 27	VAD Ensemble	Piano Trio
Oct 2	VAD Ensemble	Violin and Cello Duo
Oct 7-9	Blanche	Rehearse/Workshop
Oct 11&12	Blanche	CD Release and Shows - Engineered Air Theatre
Oct 17 & 18	Mike Stack	CD Release Concerts - Ironwood
Oct 24-28	Unity Project begun	Vancouver - Interviews
Nov 5	TransSiberian Orchestra from NYC	Cellist
Nov 9	Website Launch	Bio Shots/Work
Nov 13	VAD Ensemble	Piano Trio
Nov 15	VAD Ensemble	Piano Trio
Nov 16	Vocal Recital	Aria
Nov 30	VAD Ensemble	Violin and Cello Duo
Dec 6	VAD Ensemble	String Quartet
Dec 11	VAD Ensemble	Violin and Cello Duo
Dec 12	VAD Ensemble	String Quartet
Dec 14	Sending Love Recording Session:	Darcy Munson Studio
Dec 17	Rembetika Hipsters	Guest Artist





## Prospective Itinerary

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*"...I wish to travel and perform internationally...to make a difference..."*

January 2009	Work with Juno Award designer Michael Wrycraft (TO) to create CD Cover Choose CD cover format with Canada Disk and Tape Photo shoot for insert images with Photographer in Vancouver Establish relationships with International booking Agents for future tours Set Production Schedule for CD release event with Karen Planden Jeffery, Manager Village and Plaza Events - Whistler Vancouver 2010 Artistic Producer/Director of the <a href="http://www.sunset-theatre.com">http://www.sunset-theatre.com</a> - acting as my personal Manager and event Director. We began work together December 27 2008. Work with Doug Wong, VP Sales and Marketing, Owner -Canada Disk and Tape as professional consultant.
Jan 20-Feb 21	<b>QUEEN LEAR</b> by Eugene Stickland (Urban Curves) with Joyce Doolittle directed by Vanessa Porteous Cello Solo, improvised with Shakespeare - The cello is staged prominently as it is considered a 'personality' on stage - part of the discourse.
February	Speak with dancer/choreographer about setting movement to a few of the songs
February 20	Deadline to send CD to print
February 22	Banff Centre Cello Fest
February 28	VAD Ensemble Piano Trio
March	Sending Love Video created Establish distributor for i-tunes, CD Baby etc. Press Releases, Interviews
April	"This is the Life" CD Release Event! Venue TBD Ric Kokotovich to create film elements to accompany the show <a href="http://www.rickokotovich.com">http://www.rickokotovich.com</a> Have Annie Chirka arrange to film the event (my past videos/CBC). "Sending Love" video would be an poignant Encore I would like to have World Vision be there at the beginning of this life.
May, June	I would like to be booked to play concerts/shows from that time on. I wish to travel and perform internationally. Ideally, I would like to travel with simplicity, but have my girls at least some times, in attendance. I have always kept them with me.
July 19-August 2	Sunset Theatre, Wells BC: Artist in Retreat - Work on my Unity Project "UP" work. Possible Operatic/Musical Theatre format. (Sending Love was the start of this Project)
September - December	Produce another CD - much has already been written. Fall/Winter: Being a Cellist/Singer Songwriter Continue with bookings - let half of my studio and VAD Ensemble go, or find people to carry them on.  See the diligence of 2009 pay off in 2010 with a career that works, has a happy supportive team, travels and performs while making a difference, (sometimes with my girls, engaged in the process, they would be helpful) all as a way of life.



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Recording "This is the Life" at Bakerstreet Studios, North Vancouver, BC