



SAMMY VOLKOV

SHORT BIO

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LONG BIO

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He graduated from SUNY Purchase's Acting BFA Conservatory where he performed & trained under the direction of Tony-Award winning Trazana Beverley and many other leaders in the theatre, film & music industries. Sammy has lived in NYC, LA, Edmonton and Toronto. He was lucky enough to be chosen by Matt Masters as a featured performer for an Americana Music Festival in Calgary, a featured artist at Edmonton's 'Big Dreamer Jam', and he has opened for artists like Dana Wylie, Doug Hoyer, Cayley Thomas, Amy Van Keeken, Baby Jey and more. His music has been featured on the CKUA and CJSR radio stations. Sammy has contributed vocals to upcoming albums from Emmet Michael & Jonathan Kawchuk.

Sammy is honoured to have been selected by the Canadian Musicians Cooperative as an Emerging Artist & Program Coordinator for Summer 2021. Since wrapping up the recording sessions for his upcoming album "Be Alright!", Sammy was selected as a featured performer for a soon-to-be-released documentary filmed at Alberta's Festival Place. He recently performed to a sold-out crowd as part of the venue's patio series on a split bill with Ayla Brook & the Sound Men. The Heart Of The City music festival booked Sammy as a featured artist as part of its Youth Stage line up in June. Come September, he'll be performing at ICE District Plaza in the core of downtown Edmonton.