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With a powerful voice that at once captures your attention (Bonnie Raitt, Billie Holiday, Janis Joplin) and incredible harmonica skill, Tracy K has indelibly stamped her versatility on the Canadian blues scene. She's been described as soulful, with a stage performance that has undeniable chutzpa and passion. With a repertoire of radio-charting originals, real feel blues, vintage jazz and contemporary roots she tours festivals, theatres and clubs across Canada, sharing playbills with top blues acts, including some greats like Jeff Healey, Colin James, Koko Taylor, James Cotton, and in Memphis with a who's who of the southern scene. Her charming acoustic Blues Duo with their five-star album "Canned Heat" tour house concerts, festivals and listening rooms. They've opened for Ramblin' Jack Elliot on tour and shared a double bill with John Sebastian in the Caribbean.

Born in Beausejour, Manitoba, Tracy K's career originated in Toronto in the eighties where she learned the biz and honed her skills with pros and popular recording artists. In the nineties, she started a solo career back in Manitoba, then spent a decade at the turn of the century in Thunder Bay. Tracy K is now living back in Beausejour., Manitoba. Her Toronto and Thunder Bay foundations remained integral to her career. She won First Runner Up in the Toronto Blues Society's Talent Search, was featured at their Harmonica Workshop, prestigious Women's Blues Revue and revered Blues Summit Showcase. Tracy K's forays into jazz range from single accompaniment to the most lavish treatment as the featured vocalist for two concerts with the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra. She has represented the Thunder Bay Blues Society twice at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis as duo and band.

Tracy K's four album releases have amassed several awards for Best Female Vocalist, Songwriting, Best Harmonica Player (possibly the first female ever to achieve this honour), Best Performance. All of her albums enjoyed time spent at number one on roots and blues radio charts internationally. "What's the Rush?", her 2016 album release inspired a Western Canadian Music Award Nomination for Blues Artist of the Year, and tour dates across Canada and the US. Tracy K wrote and recorded the power house song "Rock This House" for the movie Scared Silent and has appeared in two films with her band. Her greatest thrill is being a proud mom of two daughters and a son, now adults and long since empty-nested. After a brief hiatus due to unforeseen major life events, Tracy K

now continues her celebrated music career, proving that there is life after life, and she’s still in no rush to get there!