ANJALI PERIN

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Anjali Perin is a musician, songwriter, and producer specialising in jazz, funk and soul. She graduated from the Jazz Masters programme at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in 2005.

Her album, *First Reflection*, was released by Jazzizit Records and she has performed across the UK and Europe, including at the EFG London Jazz festival, Love Supreme Festival and The Montreux Jazz Festival. As well as performing regularly as a jazz singer and pianist around the UK, she also has her own originals project that combines her genre-bending love of jazz-informed songwriting blended with funk, soul, hip-hop and a variety of different musical styles released under her artist name **Pokkisham**.

Anjali is a Module leader on the Masters in Songwriting programme at the Institute of Contemporary Music Performance, London, alongside teaching music theory and songwriting. She has been a Guest Tutor of Vocal Improvisation at Trinity Laban, London and led female-empowering workshops for musicians and producers for the F List in collaboration with Help Musicians.

Her commissioned work includes writing for a musical theatre project celebrating the life of African-American film director Oscar Micheaux, as well as writing and is considered an authority on the writing of jazz vocalese (lyrics) for instrumental compositions that celebrate the versatility and craft involved in jazz singing.

Her love of singing and choral harmony saw her set up and lead her own community choir for mothers in St Albans (Mamas With Voices) and she co-led NHS choir Breathe Harmony during Covid-19 for Breathe Arts Health Research.

Anjali is currently a musicologist for BBC6 Music, regularly presenting on various songwriting and music theory topics on the Huw Stephens' drivetime show.

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