**NANCY RUTH**

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Concert Title: **Nancy Ruth - Sangria Jam**

Description: **Direct from Spain: Vocalist/ Composer Nancy Ruth - Sangria Jam**.

**Nancy Ruth's** latest release ‘Sangria Jam’ is a musical journey recounting her travels and life in Spain. Combining her influences of jazz, latin and flamenco, she says: “*I write what flows freely… I’m not trying to create a fusion, I just play what I feel. I’m a product of my experience and surroundings.”*

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Vocalist/ composer Nancy Ruth has an incredible story about how she moved to Spain on her own from Canada. Following her instincts, she fully integrated into Spanish culture. She wrote an album all about that experience called ‘Sangria Jam’.

As Nancy puts it, *“*Sangria Jam *refers to the way my loves of jazz, flamenco, and latin rhythms come together, as well as my mixed European bloodline, which in part traces back here to Spain. I’m not trying to create a fusion, but rather freely reflect my experience and surroundings.* Sin prisas, pero sin pausas*…this recording has taken its own time and course, just like a typical day here in Spain, where for all the plans you may make, life leads you around unexpected corners. The idea is to ride the wave… enjoy the phrase, devour the moments, and notice the magic that catches you off guard”.*

Full artist Biography: www.nancyruth.com/bio

**Selected Reviews:**

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*“Sangria Jam not only designs Ms. Ruth as a global storyteller, but also an innovative jazz pedagogue.”* - Karl Stober, Cadence Magazine

*“Not only does she sing with a confident and warm voice, but she writes all of the songs as well as plays piano… both accessible and hip” -* George W. Harris, Jazz Weekly

*“An incredible voice that unravels with elegance and fluidity between jazz and flamenco”*– Déjame Soñar; Granada, Spain

*"She seems to be sucking the marrow out of life, making each song into a celebration of being and of passionately embracing the whole range of human emotions and experience.”* - Nikos Fotakis, AustralianJazz.net

*"Canadian born Nancy Ruth has a voice like liquid silk and a powerful stage presence that enchants her audience. She now lives in Malaga, Spain and travels the world singing and playing her own music, a scintillating mix of Flamenco and Latin, spiced with her love of Jazz.”* - Nikki Fort, The Clothesline - Digital Arts Magazine Australia