



With an extremely versatile vocal style and range, Stephanie Thomson is known as one of the most powerful voices in Canadian country music.

Her new album, **Modern Day Attraction** (2004) builds on the success of her two previous albums, and features new material co-written by Stephanie with **Chris Burke-Gaffney, Luke McMaster, Rob James, Stan Meissner, Phil Swann** and **Ken Burton**. The album offers a wealth of supremely catchy and radio-friendly tracks that blend pop and new country.

This is the album Stephanie always wanted to make. Careful attention to detail during the writing and recording process has resulted in a project that showcases not only Stephanie's incredible voice, but also represents her personality. Combining spark, energy and charisma onstage, Steph strives to deliver pure emotion with every note.

The pre-release single and title track of **Modern Day Attraction** charted in the BDS Top 50 (country). The second single, **What Do I Gotta Do** (May 2004) is being released with two different mixes, to country and pop/adult contemporary stations. The video for this new single has already been picked up by MuchMusic and MuchMoreMusic.

With over a decade of intense live performance experience, Steph has captured the hearts of countless fans, and has gained interest from within the industry across both the USA and her home country of Canada. Combined with the chemistry of the STB - her versatile live band - Steph's show is emotionally charged, fun and energetic. From her early success winning the 1994 Bud Country Talent Search to mainstage appearances at the Big Valley Jamboree, Merritt Mountain Music Festival, Nashville North, Dauphin CountryFest and countless venues in between, Stephanie has channelled her love of singing into a successful independent career.

As an independent recording artist, Stephanie realizes the need for diversity. In addition to concerts featuring her original material, she indulges her love of other forms of music with shows tailored to specific needs, whether country, rock/pop, 50's/60's, 80's hits, or a combination of these.

**Albums:**

- Third album **Modern Day Attraction** released May 2004. Featuring fourteen tracks (including two pop remixes), it was produced by **Chris Burke-Gaffney** and showcases Stephanie's songwriting.
- Second album **Stephanie** (an EP released in 2001) came with assistance from Peter Sullivan, partner of Sir George Martin. Sullivan, manager for Tom Jones & Billy Ray Cyrus, spotted Stephanie during a showcase, and enthusiastically helped to coordinate the project, recorded in Nashville's Wildwood Studios.
- Her debut, **Almost Blue**, released in 1997, featured a string of hits.

**Singles:**

- **Modern Day Attraction** from Modern Day Attraction charted in BDS Top 50 (country). Second single **What Do I Gotta Do** released May 2004.
- **Love, Love, Love, Phyllis & Don** and **Rockit Scientist** from Almost Blue charted in "Country Music Top 30".

**Videos:**

- **What Do I Gotta Do** airs on MuchMusic and MuchMoreMusic beginning May 2004.
- Rotation on CMT with **Love, Love, Love** and **Phyllis & Don**.

**Saskatchewan Country Music Association Awards:**

- To date, Stephanie has been nominated for a total of 25 SCMA Awards, including Female Vocalist of the Year and Entertainer of the Year in several consecutive years.
- Recipient of **Humanitarian of the Year** (2004); **International Humanitarian of the Year** (2002) and, with her band, **Non Recording Band of the Year** (2002); **Female Vocalist of the Year** (1999 and 2000) and **Video of the Year** for *Phyllis & Don* (1999).

Nominated for **Outstanding New Female Vocalist of the Year** - 1999 Big Country Awards (based on RPM Country 100 and RPM Country Albums charts).

Stephanie, now working with partner Brenda Milligan-Davis, was the first female producer to win a bid in the history of **Canadian Armed Forces show tours**. Productions have featured Sue Medley, the Johner Brothers, Alan Frew, Michael Kaeshammer and many other talented Canadian artists. Paige Productions has won five Show Tour bids to date (touring in Bosnia, Israel, Egypt, Alert and Labrador). These shows allow Stephanie to "give back" to the community by bringing her talent - and much-appreciated levity - to Canadian troops.

"This is one of the better groups to play our stage, with a wide variety of music and a great presentation. I would recommend this band to any venue wishing to entertain a diverse audience."

- *Michael Sidmen, Entertainment Director, Peppermill/Rainbow Casinos, Wendover, NV*

"As Canada continues to develop and nurture musical talent, we may see a young local woman become one of the newest shining stars...I am sure all hon. members will join me in offering best wishes to Stephanie, and wish her much success in all her future ventures."

- *Hon. Ron Osika, member, Saskatchewan Legislature*

### ***Almost Blue:***

"Super artist with carefully selected tunes make this a stand-out winner. Scheduled for heavy rotation."

- *Shane Wilder, Program Director, "The Best of Country", Hollywood, CA*

"...an interesting, and a times sizzling, debut album. You can smell future hits, which (are) given a power delivery by Stephanie Thomson."

- *Country Music News*

### **Canadian Military Tours:**

"To simply state that the show was excellent would be an inexcusable understatement. It was a truly outstanding event that far exceeded the expectations of all who were present. It was a genuine pleasure to see such talent from back home in Canada."

- *D.E. Barr, Lieutenant-Colonel, Commanding Officer, Third Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group, Camp Maple Leaf, Bosnia-Herzegovina*

### **Modern Day Attraction - AC/Country**

"If ever there was a song or an artist that was able to bridge country with mainstream radio this is the one. Great upbeat and youthful sounding track that screams 'hit' and could be huge."

- *New Music Weekly, August 15, 2003*

"If the rest of the album turns out to be as good as this toe-tapping rocker, Steph is going to have another winner on her hands. This song could easily cross over to the pop market! I need more!!

- *IndieMusicGroup.com*

Stephanie has opened for Martina McBride, Blackhawk, Tanya Tucker, Dwight Yoakam, Econoline Crush, Sammy Kershaw, Sherree Austin, the Bellamy Brothers, McMaster & James, Alan Frew and Blue Rodeo, shared concerts with Charlie Major, Lisa Brokop and Patricia Conroy, and appeared on the Huron Carole tour.

### Alberta

- Banff (Rimrock Hotel)
- Brooks ("Girls Night Out" with Rachel Matkin/Patricia Conroy)
- Calgary (Nashville North Tent - Calgary Stampede, Ranchman's, Desperado's, Country Roads)
- Edmonton (Klondike Days, Cook County Saloon, Yellowhead Casino)
- Grande Prairie (Grande Prairie Casino)
- Red Deer (Westerner)

### British Columbia

- Merritt (mainstage Merritt Mountain Music Festival)
- Vancouver ("Plaza of Nations" with Suzanne Gitzi)

### Manitoba

- Brandon (Houston's)
- Dauphin (mainstage CountryFest)
- Ste. Rose-du-Lac (cabaret)
- Winnipeg (McPhillips Street Station Casino, Club Regent Casino)

### Saskatchewan

- Carlyle (Bear Claw Casino)
- Ceylon (arena)
- Craven (mainstage Big Valley Jamboree, Craven Rodeo)
- Lebret (with Martina McBride and Sammy Kershaw at the Eagledome)
- Moose Jaw (The Royal)
- North Battleford (Gold Eagle Casino)

- Prince Albert (mainstage Northern Lights Casino, JT's Pub)
- Rabbit Creek (mainstage RL Festival)
- Regina (mainstage Centre of the Arts, headliner Flatland Music Festival, Buffalo Days Exhibition, The Exchange, Stubblejumper's Ball, Melt Down 2004, Pump Country Roadhouse, headliner Casino Regina)
- Saskatoon (with Charlie Major at Saskatchewan Place, Rodeo's)
- Swift Current (Caddy Shack)
- Wood Mountain (WM Music Festival)
- Yorkton (Painted Hand Casino)

### Northern Canada

- Goose Bay, Labrador
- North Pole, Alert
- Whitehorse, YT

### USA

- New Town, ND (Four Bears Casino - mainstage with Blackhawk)
- Manhomen, MN (Shooting Star Casino)
- Wendover, NV (Rainbow Casino/Peppermill Casino)

### Overseas

- Bosnia (Canadian Armed Forces 'Western Wings Rockit Tour')
- Greenland (Canadian Armed Forces tour)
- Middle East (MFO/UN tour of Israel, Egypt and Occupied Syria)