

# Joletta Sells

Musician



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## Bio

Los Angeles based musician and songwriter, **Joletta Sells**, weaves together moving melodies and life narratives in her debut album ***Short Stories***. Her heartfelt soprano and Americana sounds are a great match for her intimate stories. "Music helps us express what we can not express through words alone," explains Sells.

Originally from Silverlake, Indiana, Joletta grew up among a musical family and a supportive church. Her small, country church was the perfect setting to explore all her musical ideas and abilities: choir directing, writing and directing musicals, teaching, and songwriting. She began studying piano at age six and regularly played the piano for church. She began accompanying congregational singing by age 12. Later, Sells learned to play the guitar, organ, harmonica, and also studied classical voice techniques. Says Sells, "I've always been writing music - it's prayer and therapy for me."

As a college student, Joletta put music on the shelf and studied filmmaking and creative writing. "Now that music is all I do, I sometimes regret my college major. But as a songwriter - music and lyrics are of equal importance in my mind, and studying creative writing in college has really helped me mold my lyrics into honest expressions of my heart," says Sells.

Sells owns a music school, Happy Mom Music and has been teaching music in the Los Angeles area since 2006. She has also served as the Music Director at Calvary Presbyterian Church since 2013. However, in 2016 she began a new project and embarked on recording *Short Stories*. She connected with the more acoustic sounds of Americana music and loved that a simple song could wrap you up in the entire world of a story. It felt like the perfect match for her.

*Short Stories* is the collective effort of Sells, Grammy and Dove award winning producer Alex Hitchens, recording engineer, Alex Castello, and guitarists Ludvig Braathen and Andy Newman. With original music inspired by scripture and personal stories, says Sells, "I hope that those who listen to my music are encouraged to live their own lives in better ways, whatever that looks like for them."

## Accolades

*"Joletta's warm, earthy tones are the perfect complement to her creative and thought-provoking songwriting. Her music comes from the heart with a transparency and a beautiful simplicity that will have the listener humming along well after the performance is over."*

-Dr. Tammie Huntington, Professor of Music, Indiana Wesleyan University  
Soprano with Soprani Compagni

*"Playing music with Joletta is a real pleasure. She's a fun, reliable and organized pro."*

-Michael Rosen, multi-instrumentalist and producer

*"God has blessed Joletta with an outstanding musical talent. Combine her talent with her love for God, her enthusiasm, and her genuine smile, and the result is a powerful experience when she leads worship."*

-Pastor Tom Craig, Silver Creek Church of God, Silver Lake, Indiana

*"Joletta is an extremely creative, joyous person who is always dependable and a delight to work with. Her music reflects this in a special way."*

-C. Russell, choir director, performer and instructor in violin and piano





