

Joletta Sells

Christian Artist & Worship Leader



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Bio

Joletta Sells is an award-winning Christian artist and worship leader.

Originally from Silver Lake, Indiana, Sells grew up in a small country church that afforded her opportunities to do everything a church music director would do before she was old enough to attend college. She explored choir directing, writing and producing church musicals, teaching basic musical skills to the congregation, and songwriting. She was regularly accompanying congregational singing by age 12. "Small churches are such a gift. They create the perfect atmosphere for young people to try their hand in ministry," says Sells. Later, Sells learned to play the guitar, organ, harmonica and also studied classical voice techniques.

Sells turned to songwriting as a method of healing from a difficult life experience. Her heartfelt soprano and gospel sounds are a great match for her intimate stories. She has released two albums and one single: *Short Stories* (2016), *Change the Station* (2017) and *Holy is the Lord* (2019), respectively. *Change the Station* was awarded Special Event CD of the Year at the 2018 Rhythm of Gospel Awards, and *Holy is the Lord* has been nominated in five categories for the 2020 Rhythm of Gospel Awards. Sells was also nominated for a 2018 Gospel Image Award in the category of Praise and Worship. Sells hopes that "those who listen to my music are encouraged to live their own lives in better ways."

Sells has led worship in many churches across the United States and regularly serves as the Worship Coordinator for First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood (Los Angeles, CA). Her original church music can be downloaded in a variety of formats at www.jolettasells.com. Her recorded music is available on all digital music platforms including iTunes, Spotify, and Amazon. *Holy is the Lord* is currently on rotation with several Christian internet radio stations.

"Whether through worship leading, speaking or sharing my original music, I love pointing others toward Jesus. I have no other purpose," says Sells.

Accolades

"Jolletta's music is powerful. Her songs of freedom through Christ are such a blessing!"

-Pastor David Saltzman, Verdugo Community Church, Los Angeles, California

"Jolletta'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

"God has blessed Jolletta 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

"Jolletta Sells demonstrates a good understanding of planning worship services following Biblical and historical perspectives of worship through the use of a four-fold worship pattern. She has a strong understanding of the significance that Scripture plays in shaping a worship service to maintain a Christocentric experience."

-Dr. Sam Green, director of the Center for Worship Arts, Trevecca Nazarene University

"Jolletta 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, Music Director, La Verne United Methodist Church, La Verne, California

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

-Michael Rosen, multi-instrumentalist and producer



