



**SKY** Covington is a singer-songwriter with exceptional talent and eclectic looks. Her music is as fascinating as her head and hair styles - which range from a full afro to a shaved head. All are accented by her signature beaded forehead and nose. She is memorable for her "look" as well as for her music.

In 2016, Sky was voted "Outstanding Jazz Vocalist" at The Detroit Music Awards. It was 6th Detroit music award earned by her in just the past 4 years - the result of decades of hard work.

Sky began her career performing in glee clubs from elementary to junior high school. Her music training came from noted saxophonist, Scott Reiter, and from Harold Bowles, who was a session musician for Motown. She also received private drama training.

Sky was born in Detroit but relocated to Atlanta at the age of 16. While there she gazed upon the star lit sky overhead and was so inspired by it that she made a bold decision to drop her birth name, Nicole, in favor of "Sky" to symbolize her life philosophy: "No Limits". It has been the driving force behind her singing career.

At age 19, Sky moved to New Orleans, the city she says changed her life. She became fascinated with the rich music culture of city and spent nine years taking formal vocal lessons, playing at clubs and working with every top musician she could find who could help her improve her craft.

Then in 2005, her mom called and asked her to come back home to Detroit. Sadly, just 8 weeks later, Hurricane Katrina devastated her adopted city and took the lives of many of her friends. It affected her profoundly.



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**SKY** returned to Detroit to start yet another new chapter to her life.

Resettled and refocused, Sky decided to head into the studio to synthesize all that she learned in New Orleans and blend it into a creative musical collection. After 6 months of work, she released her first album, "Urban Fairy Tales". Her music resonated and soon she was landing bookings at popular venues like Baker's Keyboard Lounge, Bert's Motown Room, The Jazz Club at Music Hall, and The Gem Theatre. Her fans followed her wherever she performed.

Sky's growing popularity brought invitations to open for the likes of Straight Ahead, Alberta Adams, The Original Vandellas, The Gene Dunlap Trio, and even P Diddy. That was followed by a tour with Detroit House Music superstar, Kenny "Moodymann" Dixon. Momentum was building.

Living up to her "No Limits" philosophy, Sky ventured beyond the borders of Detroit and began singing overseas. She performed at clubs in England, France, Germany, Italy, Holland, Switzerland, and Japan where Detroit House music was very popular. There she created a separate brand identity under the name Nikki-O and built up a huge fan base.

Sky spans multiple music genres and has multiple trademark looks. That variety combined with her remarkable singing skills is the very thing that make her so interesting and appealing. Whether it's Jazz, Neo-Soul or House, Sky Covington brings a rich palette of musical colors and imagery to her audiences.





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**SKY** Covington's music career is fueled by a simple philosophy: *"Performance is everything. If you become the message that you are relaying to your audience, they will never leave you."*

Sky's dedicated audiences are show up regularly at Detroit hot spots like Baker's Keyboard Lounge, Harbor House, Bert's Warehouse, and Gina's Jazz Cafe to hear songs from Sky's latest CD, "Ghetto Opera" featuring her band, "Club Crescendo". And each August, Sky hosts a free riverfront music festival called "Hug Detroit" that brings out some of the best singers and musicians in Detroit. In addition to performing, Sky is the President and Founder of the "Hug Detroit Spirit Awards" which honors people for their contributions to the community.



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Over the course of her career, Sky has written numerous songs, authored poetry works and performed a wide variety of music to show her range and versatility. She has many dimensions and wide appeal. Enjoy these music links below.

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*"You are only as good as your last gig."*

Wisdom from my mother