**Artist Profile:**

***JANET CULL – Bio***

**2017 Music-NL FACTOR Album of the Year**

**2017 MusicNL Pop-Rock Artist of the Year**

**2017 MusicNL Female Artist of the Year**

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Since her record’s release in Fall 2016, Janet has received numerous accolades - 3 **MusicNL** awards (including FACTOR Album of the Year); **Singer Universe’s Best Vocalist of the Month;** the only Canadian winner (Vocal Performance category) of the **Unsigned Only International Competition**, and more. Janet has also taken to the road in support of the record, with notable live performances in 2017 including opening slots for Grammy award winner **k.d. lang,** Juno-award winners **Marianas Trench**, as well as her own sold-out province-wide (Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada) “Island Soul Tour”. 2018 will see Janet take her show (and album) further afield in Canada and beyond.

Janet Cull is one of Newfoundland’s (Canada) most prolific local artists. Cull has 2 previous award-winning albums to her credit. The first album with the Janet Cull Band (MusicNL ‘Group of the Year’, ‘Album of the Year’, and ‘Galaxie Rising Star -2004); the second, *People Get Ready*, her 2007 release with Kelly-Ann Evans, which earned her an **ECMA** nomination. Janet has performed in a variety of musical theatre as a principal singer/actor, and additionally toured regionally with the series of sold-out musical variety shows (“Lowe Profile”, “Women of Motown” etc) she has co-produced herself.

***JANET CULL - Accomplishments & Accolades for “Real Tough Love”***

***2016 – 2018***

**Select Live Performances**

* Oct 2016: In-store album release performance – Fred’s Records, St. John’s, NL
* Nov 2016:  Album Official Release Performance – JAG, St. John's NL
* Nov 2016:  Opening Act for **Marianas Trench Crusade Tour** – Scotiabank Centre, Halifax NS
* March 2017:  Women, Words and Music Performance (presented by Songwriters NL) - St John's NL
* April 2017: All Swag at JAG performance – JAG, St. John’s, NL
* July 2017: Canada Day Performance, Portugal Cove NL
* July 2017: City of St. John’s Harbourside Concert Series (Janet Cull) – St. John’s, NL
* Fall 2017:  Janet Cull province-wide “Island Soul Tour”: Woody Point, NL (Sept 3); Eastport, NL (Sept 8); Bonavista (Sept 9); St. John’s (Sept 14); and English Harbour (Sept 16)
* Sept 2017:  Opening Act for **k.d. Lang Ingénue Redux Tour**:  Mile One Stadium St John's NL
* Sept 2017: Wreckhouse Jazz and Blues Festival – Women in Canadian Jazz and Blues
* Sept 2017:  Wreckhouse Jazz and Blues Festival - Opening Act for **Philosopher Kings**, St. John's NL
* Oct 2017: MusicNL Conference and Awards: performances at Export showcase, CBC Songwriter’s Circle, awards show
* March 2018: Headlining performance at Club One Atlantic Canada and Caribbean Music Showcase, Trinidad
* April2018: Headlining performance at Club One Atlantic Canada and Caribbean Music Showcase, St. John’s, NL
* May 2018: Live performance at ECMA Awards Halifax
* June 2018: Live performance at NXNE Music Festival
* June 2018: Live performance at Indigenous Fashion Week – Parliament Hill, Ottawa
* Summer 2018: Full Provincial tour “Janet Cull Summer Appearances”
* Summer 2018: Woody Point Writers Festival, NL
* Summer 2018: Ontario (select markets tour), including multi-day appearance at Kingsville Folk Festival
* 2018: Opening Act for **Steve Earle and the Dukes**, St. John’s, NL
* Sept 2018: Headlining performance, Wreckhouse Blues and Jazz Festival
* Sept 2018: Headlining performance (with Wonderbolt Circus) at St. John’s International Circus Festival
* Sept 2018: Headlining performance Roots, Rants and Roars Festival (Trinity and Bonavista, NL)

**Other Live Performances (appearing as actor or contributing performer):**

* Dec 2016: Special guest “O Holy Night” – Arts and Culture Centre, St. John’s
* March 16-19 2017: “Jesus Christ Superstar” (lead role of Mary Magdalene) - St. John’s, NL
* Aug 24-26: Spirit of NL Productions 20th anniversary Gala – featured performer - Holy Heart of Mary auditorium, St. John’s
* YEAR-ROUND (2016-18): Spirit of NL Productions Musical Theatre -Lead performer in 3 weekly shows (ABBA, Idol, Party ) – Masonic Temple Theatre, St. John’s

**Awards and Accolades**

* Singer Universe (Los Angeles) – Winner: “Best Vocalist of the Month Dec 2016”
* Unsigned Only International Competition – Winner: Honourable Mention for “Mommy’s Boy” (the only Canadian finalist in the Vocalist category)
* MusicNL 2017 Awards:
	+ FACTOR Album of the Year WINNER
	+ Female Artist of the Year WINNER
	+ Pop/Rock Artist of the Year WINNER
* 2016 Borealis Music Prize long list – nominated for “Real Tough Love”
* Rock Eden Magazine – Top 10 Songs of the Year (“All You Gotta Do”)
* K-Rock’s Favourite Local Albums of 2016 (“Real Tough Love” #7)

**Media Appearances and Radio Airplay**

* Oct 2016 – CBC Radio 1 (w/ Heather Barret) – on-air interview
* Oct 2016 – CHMR – on-air interview
* Oct 2016 – CBC Radio 1 St. John’s Morning Show (live performance for album release)
* Nov 2016 – K-Rock – performance and interview
* Nov 2016 – Out of The Fog (cable talk show) – performance and interview
* Nov 2016 – Appeared on K-Rock’s “Under The Influence”
* Jan 2017 – K-Rock on-air appearance and performance
* March 2017 - St. Pierre et Miquelon Radio 1 review & airplay
* April 2017 – K-Rock on-air Interview
* May 2017Coast 101.1 The Coast Home (w/ Paul Brace) - interview
* Sept 2017 – CBC Radio 1 On The Go (w/ Ted Blades) – on-air performance and interview
* Sept 2017 – Out of the Fog (cable talk show) – performance and interview
* March 2018 – Featured performer, CBC TV Songwriter’s Circle and Parkways Performance Series
* March & April 2018 – Featured performer Club One Atlantic Canada and Caribbean Music Showcase FLOW/CWC TV (Trinidad) and Bell Fibe TV1 (Canada)
* 2016 – present: CBC Radio 1 airplay for “Real Tough Love”, parcticularly “Mommy’s Boy”
* 2016 – present: K-Rock (St. John’s) airplay for “Real Tough Love”
* 2016 - present: CHMR airplay for “Real Tough Love”

**Select Print + Online Media (2016-18 interviews and reviews):**

* Newfoundland Herald (NL)
* Northern Pen (St. Anthony)
* The Overcast (St. John’s)
* The Telegram (St. John’s)
* Singer Universe Magazine (Los Angeles)
* Rock Eden Magazine

**Social Media / PR + Industry Support:**

* 5500+ social media follows (Facebook, Twitter & Instagram)
* Dedicated yearlong social media campaign in conjunction with Fagan-Ford PR targeting Facebook and Twitter (daily updates, fan engagement etc)
* Dedicated European Music Market Consultant, Pernille Fischer Boulter

***JANET CULL – Album Profile, “Real Tough Love”***

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*Real Tough Love* features works co-written with, and gathered from our best local songwriters – Mick Davis, Virginia Fudge, Andrew Ledrew and more. Haunting melodies and atmospheric lines join to create songs that seem both retrospective and new; songs that manage to transcend well beyond a simple rock sensibility. There is grit here, both in sound and theme. From the beautiful simplicity of “All You Gotta Do”, to the aching “Broken Hearts”, to the enduring love of “Mommy’s Boy”, *Real Tough Love* examines our self-worth, our demands, the losses we are subjected to, and the losses we must choose. And through it all, it is Janet Cull’s voice that rings above all else. A voice so pure and versatile, it is the truest and most multi-faceted instrument on the album. A voice that breathes, and sighs, yells and swoons from the very heart of these songs.

**This 100% locally made album** found Janet working with St John’s best, including producer Kalem Mahoney (The Monday Nights), recording engineer Justin Merdsoy, and bandmates Elliott Dicks, Mick Davis, Brad Power, Craig Follett, Evan Smith and Chris Kearsey

***Real Tough Love* is available in stores, on iTunes, CD Baby, Amazon Music, Google Play, Spotify**