

Annie Booth - pianist & composer

Annie Booth is a Denver-based jazz pianist, composer, arranger, and educator. Growing up in a musical family in Westminster, CO, she began the piano at a young age and started playing jazz in high school through the renowned non-profit organization, the Colorado Conservatory for the Jazz Arts. She went on to study music at the collegiate level, earning a BM in Jazz Studies from the Thompson Jazz Studies Program at the University of Colorado-Boulder in 2011.

Annie Booth has established herself as an active force on the Denver jazz scene both as a bandleader of the Annie Booth Trio and as a busy sidewoman. She performs in legendary trumpeter Greg Gisbert's Quartet, notably on a recent tour of Mexico in summer 2016 through the "New York Jazz All-Stars" concert series. Annie is a recipient of an ASCAP Young Jazz Composers Award, was twice awarded "Best In Denver" from Westword Magazine the jazz genre in 2015 and 2016 and was featured as part of Jazz 89.3 KUVU's 2015 "30-Under-30" series.

The Denver pianist-composer released her debut album, *Wanderlust*, in 2014 on the Dazzle Recordings label - an album that features an artistic program of nine original compositions in both trio and quartet settings, including the musicianship of Matt Smiley (bass), Alejandro Castano (drums), and Josh Quinlan (saxophones). Of Booth's compositional style, Tim Breckon at the Examiner says, "There is a story hidden in the wordless tones of Booth's compositions, with moments of triumph, loss, and sweet repose...Her choices are bold and innovative." Booth's sophomore release, an exciting trio album of Christmas favorites arranged in a captivating manner, is called *Festive!* (2016)

In addition to performing and composing, Annie is an active educator in Colorado – teaching through local non-profit organizations (The Gift of Jazz and The Colorado Conservatory For The Jazz Arts) and with a private piano studio of her own. She serves as a board member for the Denver Jazz Center. To learn more about Annie and her music, visit www.annieboothmusic.com.