# ADRIENNE SHAMSZAD



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#### SHORT BIO:

Adrienne Shamszad sings revolutionary anthems, prayerful power ballads, blues, lullabies, and love songs written from the depths of her heart. Adrienne's poetry is intimate and genuine, inspired by the mystic Poets of Iran as much as the folk poetsongwriters of the 60s and 70s. Her strong and soulful voice, expressive guitar playing and bold performance style push her into the outer reaches of the singersongwriter genre, and far beyond.

In 2018, Adrienne won the Living Cultures grant through the Alliance for California Traditional Arts (ACTA) to deepen her study of Persian Classical singing with master teacher and vocalist Mahsa Vahdat. She showcased her bi-lingual repertoire on the Freight and Salvage stage in August of 2019 to a full house.

After 2 years of production during the pandemic, in 2023 Adrienne released her second full-length album, Wash It All Away. The nine song record is a musical story of a powerful kind of love, surrender, and transformation. It features a stellar Bay Area rhythm section - James Small on drums (Fantastic Negrito) and Daniel Fabricant on bass (Rupa and the April Fishes)- co-production from Ram Dass Khalsa (Snatum Kaur), and string and horn arrangements from trumpetist and composer Arturo Solar (Bruno Mars, Shakira, Googoosh).

#### LINK TO LONG BIO

# LINKS TO MUSIC:

<u>All In</u>

<u>Sing And Surrender</u>

<u>It Takes What It Takes</u>

Wash It All Away

<u>Leili Lullaby</u>



## PRESS PHOTOS











#### VIDEO:



## SUCCESSES:

- Alliance of California Traditional Arts grant awardee in 2018 and 2020
- Sold out show at Freight and Salvage in 2019
- Awarded Berkeley Rep's Ground Floor residency in 2021 for an original musical

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