

# ASHLEY FULTON

Singer | Songwriter | Producer | Pianist

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**EDUCATION** University of Southern California, Thornton School of Music, Bachelor's of Music in Music Production  
Class of 2023 GPA 4.0

Hawken School, Gates Mills, OH, an independent college preparatory school  
Class of 2019 GPA 3.98

## MUSIC EDUCATION

**Voice:** Umeki Neverson, private vocal coach, Cleveland, OH (2017 to 2019)  
Helen Todd Studio, Cleveland, OH (2016 - Dec 2017)  
Nicole Sumlin Studio, Cleveland, OH (2014 - 2016)

**Summer Work:** Berklee College of Music 5-Week Summer Performance Program (July - Aug 2018)  
*City Music scholarship recipient; Singer-Songwriter Showcase; Singers' Showcase; Worked with professionals such as Darcel Wilson, David M. Alexis, and Ned Rothenberg. Participated in three instructor-directed ensembles and one student-led ensemble, totaling four major performances. Took private voice lessons with Sarah Kervin.*

NYU Summer Songwriters Workshop, New York, New York (June 2017)  
*Worked with industry professionals such as Phil Galdston and Barry Eastmond at two-week summer program. Attended classes on the art of songwriting, expanded experience with collaborations, and developed a diverse network of contacts.*

Berklee College of Music Songwriting Workshop, Boston, MA (June 2016)  
*Worked with professors such as Melissa Ferrick and Brad Hatfield in five-day program.*

**Production:** Logic Pro X (self-taught, 2013 to present)

**Piano:**

- The Music Settlement, Clev, OH: J@MS (Jazz, the Music Settlement) Vocalist and Pianist (2017 - 2018)
- Celebrity School of Music, Cleveland, OH (2008 - 2009; 2016 - 2017)
- The Music Settlement, Cleveland, OH (2013 - 2014)

## MUSIC EXPERIENCE

### Featured Projects:

- Working on release of first solo EP (singer, songwriter, producer) (Present)
- Co-wrote and co-produced and featured vocalist on song "Little Things" with artist, Van Gammon, and producer, Jared "Reezy Tunez" Thorne (producer for FOX TV show "Empire" and various artists).  
Rel. July 2018

### Featured Performances:

- Laurel Live Music Festival, Featured Performer with live band, Cleveland, OH (2019)
- BriteWinter Music Festival, Featured performer with live band, Cleveland, OH (2019)
- MusicBox CLE, Cleveland, OH (Oct 2018)  
*Performed as opening act for national recording artist, Avery Sunshine (audience of approx. 400)*
- Breastfest Cleveland, Cleveland, OH (Oct 2018)  
*Performed 30 minutes set at annual concert to promote breast cancer awareness*
- Berklee College of Music 5-Week Summer Performance Program (July - Aug 2018)  
*Performed in Songwriter's Showcase (Berklee Performance Center), and Singers Showcase*
- Winterfest CLE, Cleveland, OH (Nov 2017)  
*Performed 30 minutes set with full band at annual downtown Cleveland holiday public event*
- Headliner for Viva Starlight Room, Cleveland, OH (Aug 2017)  
*Full length concert of original and cover songs accompanied by live band; sold out 150 seat venue*

## Other Experiences:

- Produced and written 100's of songs (including several co-written)
- Featured vocalist with Cleveland Jazz Orchestra in fundraising concert, Cleveland, OH (Sep 2018)
- SparxCity Hop Music Performance, Superior Sound Production Studio, downtown Cleveland, OH (Aug 2018)
- Cleveland Botanical Gardens "Glow" holiday event, Cleveland, OH (Dec 2017; 30-minute set)
- Mike's Barn, Grafton, OH (Sept 2017; 30-minute set)
- Cleveland One World Day, National Anthem, Cleveland, OH (Aug 2017)
- Urban Winery, Cleveland, OH (July 2017; 90-minute set)
- Brothers Lounge, Cleveland, OH (July 2017; Aug 2017)
- Rock the Falls, Chagrin Falls, OH (Jan 2016; Jan 2017)
- Hawken Battle of the Bands, Gates Mills, OH (Mar 2016, 2017 and 2018)

## MUSIC HONORS & AWARDS

- Recipient of the Harvey Mason Scholarship, presented by Musicians in Action (2020)
- Finalist, Great American Songwriting Contest – R&B category, original song "War" (2020)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Great American Songwriting Contest – R&B category, original song "Cali" (2019)
- One of 15 singers (out of over 7,000 entrants) invited to LA to audition for Atlantic Records "EMERGE" (2018)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Great American Songwriting Contest – R&B category, original song "Twining" (2018)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Great American Songwriting Contest - R&B category, original song "The Hollow" (2017)
- Finalist, Great American Songwriting Contest - Pop category, original song "Carry Me" (2017)
- 1 of 4 scholarship winners - Shining Star CLE, multiple round of NE Ohio singing competition (Oct 2017)
- Awarded Best Song of the Month for "Carry Me" - Songwriter Universe (Aug 2017)
- Gold Medal (top award) for Music Composition - NAACP ACT-SO National Competition (July 2017)
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- 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Delta Sigma Theta Jabberwock Talent Competition (Dec 2016)
- Gold Award, National Spanish Exam - 95th percentile on national level for National Spanish Exam (2016)

## ACADEMIC MUSIC EXPERIENCE

- Hawken Jazz Band (2018 - present) – Keyboardist and vocalist in full band and combo
- Hawken Harmony (2015 - present) – Member of 18-member a cappella group; soprano section leader
- Hawken Chorale (2015 - 2018) – Soprano section leader 2017 - 2018; Performed three concerts annually; Helped lead the class as a selected writer for the development of original work for 2018 winter concert

## OTHER INTERESTS

**Languages:** English-Native; Spanish-proficient

**Hobbies:** Creative writing, music composition, drawing, bass guitar, drums