

Lauren Scales Music

Biography

The daughter of the native Detroiters and acclaimed duo Charles and Gwen Scales, Lauren Scales has been performing for most of her life. She earned her Bachelor of Musical Arts degree in Jazz Studies from the University of Michigan, and is currently pursuing her Master of Music as a Songwriting Composition student at New York University. Her aim in songwriting? "To create a song that is all at once uplifting, poetic and emotionally honest, and that is accessible across genres and generations." Her aim is reflected in writing that crosses musical boundaries, creating a distinct voice from a flurry of influences from all over the musical spectrum.

She was named the NYU Steinhardt Songwriting Scholar of 2017, received national recognition as a composer/performer in the 2016 Betty Carter Jazz Ahead program at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C, and claimed Second Runner Up in the 2016 Sarah Vaughan International Jazz Vocal Competition hosted by the NJPAC and judged by such jazz icons as Christian McBride and Dianne Reeves. Most recently, she was a participant in the first annual 2018 UNISA Jazz Vocal Competition, hosted by the University of South Africa.

Lauren is currently the lead vocalist of progressive R&B group Valipala, and continues to perform in a variety of configurations in the New York City area. She is working towards her debut E.P.