

## Mp3 Maria Connel - All About Me



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Called the "Shania Twain of Essex County," she runs the gamut from power pop tunes to heartfelt young country ballads with smooth vocals. 7 MP3 Songs POP: Power Pop, COUNTRY: Country Pop Details: The old saying, You've come a long way, baby is an accurate summation of singer/songwriter Maria Connel's musical career. Maria was born to a well-renowned local musical family and so her informal training began at a very early age. Maria began by playing the flute, singing in choirs, performing at weddings, fundraisers, clubs, doing vocal session work, and numerous other specialty corporate gigs. As her career advanced, Maria fronted several area bands, playing the keys and providing lead vocals, promo, and bookings. Formally trained in the Canadian Conservatory vocal method, Maria subsequently taught 40 students/wk. for about 5 years. Having left the club circuit to put a duo together for Casino Windsor, Maria then became a regularly featured act and was chosen to appear in the original photo shoot for Casino Windsor before its grand opening. In Sept.2000, Maria Connel realized another dream by writing, recording, producing and financing her own CD release, distributed by Indiepool Canada. As a result of its initial success, the CD gained the interest of Memphis Hall of Fame producer Larry Rogers and Maria traveled to Nashville to collaborate on 2 singles. The first single was co-written by Annie Roboff (This Kiss) and Holly Lamar (Breathe), and was released to 2200 U.S. radio stations in June 2002, and was rated #21 on the Inside Country Charts and #1 on the Indie Charts. The summer of 2002, Maria's Canadian debut CD was also released to Europe and hit #3 in Belgium, #5 in France and the UK and was added to playlists across Europe with great enthusiasm. A follow-up single will be released to the International market by Nov.2002. Also, this year, Maria was appointed the new vocal Music Director for Canada's premiere show band, Music Express. Maria directs 20 singers and is backed by a 30 piece orchestra doing Gospel shows, motown revues, and dance band shows. So stop in and visit Maria's

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