

Hanna PK

Sometimes, one has to leave her birthplace to find out what she was born to do.

Hanna PK is a vocalist, pianist, and band leader born in South Korea, currently residing in Rochester NY. After she encountered local blues legend John Cole, she then totally immersed herself in the blues, to which she felt so strongly called. She came to love and be inspired by so many of the great blues pianists like Otis Spann, Hersal Thomas, Big Maceo, and Memphis Slim. It was her luck that even though Rochester isn't exactly in the Delta region, the area's blues scene is still carried on with authenticity by nationally-recognized bluesmen like **Joe Beard** (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_sIJ6LquoVk) and **John Cole** (<https://johncolebluesband.com/>) both of whom she has performed with.

On stage, **Hanna's** seemingly sweet and soft-spoken appearance belies her commanding voice and presence at the piano with an impeccably steady and strong left hand bass, and a swinging and shuffling right hand dancing over it.

In the summer of 2015, she formed **Hanna and the Blue Hearts** (http://hearhanna.com/blue_hearts.shtml) and in the summer of 2016, she released her 1st CD "**Rearview Mirror**" (<http://hearhanna.com/cd.shtml>) which includes Hanna's original songs showing that she's not only a traditionalist but also a creative songwriter.

In June 2018, **Hanna** and guitarist **Alex Disljenkovic** won 1st place at Memphis Bound and will be going to Memphis to represent WNY at the International Blues Challenge in January 2019.