

Hanna PK

Hanna PK is a vocalist, pianist, and band leader born in South Korea, currently residing in Rochester NY. When meeting Hanna, it's not uncommon to wonder how a young woman born and raised in Korea plays the Blues. But her music makes it clear she is not only touched by it, but also dedicated to this great art form.

On stage, **Hanna's** seemingly sweet and soft-spoken appearance belies her commanding voice and presence at the piano and as a band leader. Hearing her strong left hand bass rocking steady with her swinging right hand on the piano, one cannot deny she has done her homework and is carrying on the tradition. Her soulful voice often surprises the 'first timer. This all-in-one package allows her the flexibility of being able to play in any ensemble small or big, and even solo performance completes all spectrum.

In the summer of 2015, she formed **Hanna and the Blue Hearts** (http://hearhanna.com/blue_hearts.shtml), and 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 2018, she released the new CD "**The Blues Is Here To Stay**" (<http://hearhanna.com/cd.shtml>)" which includes classic blues tunes like *Worried Life Blues*, two versions of boogie woogie classic, *Honky Tonk Train*, story telling and soulful originals like *Dirty Dishes* and *Love Keeps Walking In*. In June 2018, **Hanna** and guitarist **Aleks Disljenkovic** won 1st place at Memphis Bound and will be going to Memphis to represent Western New York at the International Blues Challenge in January 2019.

As is the case with all true blues performers, she works from and in the tradition of the music while bringing her own stamp of creativity and originality to it.