

# Taisha Estrada Onesheet

## Long Bio

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Taisha released her debut album of original songs, *Nostalgia Ajena*, in April 2023, reflecting her roots in the Caribbean. The pieces are influenced by her upbringing with grandparents who felt a strong devotion to *la patria*, their homeland, and the sounds of *bomba* and *plena* which coursed through Estrada's veins from a young age. Inspired by her own experiences and the stories of the women she grew up around, Estrada's tone evokes hope and strength. Taisha had the pleasure of touring the record regionally as well as nationally, with shows in San Francisco and Puerto Rico.

Since then, Estrada's artistry has been rapidly evolving. Her latest release, a 2025 Tiny Desk Contest submission for a song entitled *El Abstracto*, marks a chapter in Estrada's life that is characterized by the many forms of vulnerability, loss and growth she has experienced in the past years. As a more assured composer, she moves away from the highly collaborative, jazz-style approach of *Nostalgia Ajena* towards meticulously crafted pieces. She stands at the helm of her band, guitar in hand, with a newfound composure and gravity. While *Nostalgia Ajena* demarcates a time in the past, *El Abstracto* opens the door to the future, with all the beauty and uncertainty that lies ahead.

In addition to her musical pursuits, Estrada is passionate about service and advocacy for her community. This past year, she began a free guitar program, lovingly called "Flores Rockeras," for teen girls and non-binary teens in Arlington, Virginia. She has also played fundraiser shows and advocated in support of DC Abortion Fund and The Kwek Society, raising awareness for underprivileged women, period poverty and access to health care.

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### **Press**

Latin jazz net

<https://latinjazznet.com/reviews/albums/taisha-estrada-nostalgia-ajena/>

Antidote Records Review

<https://www.antidotesounds.com/cd-reviews/live-review-taisha-estrada-amp-strathmore>

District Fray 7 Women To Watch in 2023

<https://districtfray.com/articles/sound-of-women-in-dc/>

Latin Jazz Net Feature

<https://latinjazznet.com/playlists/the-latin-side-of-jazz-episode-31/>

Ella Fitzgerald Competition

<https://jazz.fm/lucy-wijnands-ella-fitzgerald-jazz-vocal-competition-2021-winner/>

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Great Day USA DMV Soundcheck

<https://www.wusa9.com/video/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-washington/taisha-estrada-performs-caribea-in-the-dmv-soundcheck/65-b2e64d67-eba9-4d30-866f-7a22296f3beb>

### **Videos (Videography by Brian MacDonald)**

Taisha Estrada - *El Abstracto* (Tiny Desk 2025)

<https://youtu.be/C2oWLqCyuOU>

Taisha Estrada - Delirio Amor (Versión Acústica)

<https://youtu.be/1KFwvsDlOKk>

### Upcoming Shows

Friday, March 7th @ Treehouse Dreamer with Cecily 8PM \$15-\$25

### Photos (Photos by Ian Shiff)

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1wB\\_qfC7wgX4\\_WteiWpt9uWcbvih5jyVo?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1wB_qfC7wgX4_WteiWpt9uWcbvih5jyVo?usp=drive_link)



## Links

### **Website**

[taishaestrada.com](http://taishaestrada.com)

### **Music Links**

Spotify:

<https://open.spotify.com/artist/4feeUGglPxXd8nGKkO72AA?si=6dt2z829QFmLg-nUY0cy4w>

Apple Music:

<https://music.apple.com/us/album/nostalgia-ajena/1682398224>

Youtube Music:

<https://music.youtube.com/channel/UCoZIBTj5thNgfCao7hcZTrw?feature=shared>

Bandcamp:

<https://taisha-estrada.bandcamp.com/album/nostalgia-ajena>

### **Social Media**

Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/taisha\\_estrada/?hl=e](https://www.instagram.com/taisha_estrada/?hl=e)

Tiktok: [https://www.tiktok.com/@taisha\\_estrada](https://www.tiktok.com/@taisha_estrada)

## Accolades

2024 - Bernard/Ebb Songwriting Competition Finalist

2022- 1 of 6 Strathmore Artists in Residence

2021 - Runner up in the International Ella Fitzgerald Vocal Competition

2019 - Downbeat Award vocalist in best Latin Jazz Ensemble - Undergraduate