

# FAITH RIVERA

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~Mary Manin Morrissey, Best-selling Author



From the sunny shores of Hawaii, Emmy award-winning singer/songwriter, Faith Rivera, opens hearts and transforms lives around the globe through the power of music. Fans say her inspiring songs are like having your best friend, who knows your biggest dreams & your biggest struggles, sing the perfect message right to you.

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~Grammy-winner & sound healer, Barry Goldstein

Whether it's a healing ballad, an affirmation dance song or a feel-good chant for kids, Faith's easy soulful style, ala Natasha Bedingfield & Sara Bareilles, moves listeners & elevates the energy in the room.

Her uplifting music is heard on shows like Hawaii 5-0 to Empire. She's been featured at the Hollywood Bowl to the House of Blues to stages in Tokyo to Rome where audiences of all ages are engaged & energized through upbeat messages, music and dance. This island girl is a multiple Posi Award winner and a Grace Note Award recipient for her contribution to New Thought Music. She is featured in multiple documentary films like As a Man Thinketh with Michael Beckwith, Joe Vitale, and more empowering teachers.

She recently celebrated her 11th album release RISE featuring a fiery, call-to-action playlist showcasing a new sound blending pop, EDM, hip-hop & more! When not creating music or hosting upbeat virtual events, she adores spending time with her two kids, her highschool sweetheart & extended ohana on the island of Oahu.

For Faith, love is the answer and music is her way to spread that love one song at a time, one heart at a time! Above all, her biggest high is creating & sharing music to celebrate that unique spark in everyone. Faith dares the world to be the "everyday superstars" we are born to be!

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### testimonials



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"Music to bring joy to every heart, stir the soul, and raise the consciousness of humanity, all at the same time! What more could anyone ask?" ~**Neale Donald Walsch / Author of "Conversations with God"**

"Extraordinary vocals & contagious songs!"  
~**Barry Goldstein / Grammy-winning Producer & Sound Healer**

Thank you for bringing so much to convention - both your presence and your music! You helped to make this one of the best conventions ever! ~**Sharon Ketchum / Chair of the Board of Trustees 2019 Unity People's Convention**

Faith joined us in Japan for a Family Peace Festival where she sang with the children first & then the adults. She's amazing and did something that is very unique here in Japan, she got the people to respond to her, this is very hard and even big artists like Rolling Stones complain that they don't get to the people. But this Angel did!!!! ~**Gudni Gudnason, Founder of the Golden Pyramid of Peace**

Faith always say yes to serve (from guest artist to music director), always brings her all and shows up with full integrity. She is a rare individual – an angel!  
~**Dr. Barbara Fields, Executive Director for the Association for Global New Thought**

As soon as you started singing, I was at peace and knew that all was going to go well. You have such an amazing spirit (not to mention voice)! I have received tons of emails and lots of them mentioned how much they enjoyed and were moved your song. One of the panelists said that both the beginning and the end song- "made her tear up and has led her to make some changes in her life." Wow! ~**Stephanie Cubba, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Mount St. Mary's College**

"Your music and singing are most inspiring! How wonderful it is that you are gifted by God and using your talent in Service to the Divine." ~**Terry Cole-Whittaker / Author & International Speaker**

You have been a precious gift to me and all of us at the World Congress on Illumination. Your contribution to this activity of Light has been monumental, and we are deeply grateful. ~**Patricia Cota-Robles, Co-Founder of Era of Peace & the annual World Congress on Illumination**

"I have received so many calls raving about the concert --- everyone loved your music and the message of peace and love you relayed."  
~**Dr. Francie Inez / Director, Hope for Kids**

"We will not forget her kindness and her rich and vibrant talent. Her presence is a powerful blessing to all of us. Faith Rivera's talent and spiritual presence bring a rare illumination to every service and concert featuring this amazing Voice of Spirit. She is unforgettable: The Real Thing." ~**Rev. Leddy Hammock / Unity of Clearwater**

"I can be found listening to her music before I engage with my clients, allowing me to open up & hear what they're really saying. Get to know Faith and her music - it will change your life!"  
~**Lisa Marie Platske, CEO of Upside Thinking**

"Faith knows how to motivate, educate, entertain & get right to the heart of topics relevant to our constituents. She's by far one of our most popular presenters & entertainers. The best thing about Faith is that she walks the talk she teaches and sings."  
~**Richard Mekdeci  
President and Co-founder,  
emPower Music & Arts**



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**Apr 2009-Present**

Motivational Speaker & Retreat Facilitator

Sharing inspired messages and insight on various topics from self-help to spiritual practice, creative expression to music ministry. Organizations/events include: 2019 World Day of Prayer (Unity Village, MO), 2014 Contagious Optimism Live (Los Angeles, CA), 2014 Centers for Spiritual Living Global Teen Camp (Idyllwild CA), 2012-2020 SisterSpirit Retreats (virtual & Upper Lake, CA), 2010-2013 Aloha Goddess Retreat (Kona, H / Corona, CA), 2012 Sound Connections Conference (Unity Village, MO), 2015 Posi Music Festival (Tampa, FL), June 2019 emPower Music & Arts Regional Conference (Kansas City, MO), and numerous Unity churches and Centers for Spiritual Living across the US.

**Jan 2011-Present**

Vocal & Songwriting Masterclass/Workshop

Vocal masterclass/Workshop for various organizations/events presenting to music directors, singers, choirs in a group setting on vocal technique & application to actual performances of songs. Organizations/events include: 2011 SAG/AFTRA for session singers (Los Angeles, CA), 2013 Soka University (Aliso Viejo, CA) and 2012 Sound Connections Conference (Unity Village, MO), 2017 Cool Songwriting School (Tampa, FL), 2019 emPower Music & Arts Regional Conference (Kansas City, MO) and many more. Classes varied in length from 2-4 hours and included on-the-spot coaching for singers on particular songs.

**Jan 2006 – Present**

Vocal Teacher

While out on tour, communities bring me in to support their local singers with vocal lessons. The singers are beginners to semi-pros of all ages - some needing to learn basic vocal technique others require personalized exercises to strengthen their vocal delivery & performance. Cities include: Phoenix, Seattle, Vero Beach, San Jose, Kansas City, Portland, Clearwater, Roanoke, Antelope Valley, Honolulu, Medford, Amesbury, Tucson, Kona, Dallas, Tampa & more. Most recently, I do only select vocal coaching via skype for artists around the country.

**Jan 2016 – July 2017**

Music Director @ Unity of South Bay, Torrance, CA

Engage & inspire congregation with an up-leveled music experience using most-loved praise songs, congregation’s favorite hymns & spirituals to cover songs and other “special music” as needed (classical to standards) meant to support the overall ministry, theme, weekly message, etc.

Book top new thought artists/musicians

Empower & prepare choir for performances as well as nurture & provide the space for musical/artistic talents of the current ensemble and other congregants to be shared in service to the ministry.

Specific Duties:

- Coordinate music for services with Senior Minister and Guest Artists.
- Providing lyrics for all congregational for Sunday service power point presentation
- Perform & Lead Service 2 Sundays per month
- Direct choir, choose choral music, coordinate rehearsals, scout more potential choir members, etc.
- Book 2 Artists per month and special guest musicians as needed
- Coordinate all aspects of Sunday service music including morning rehearsal schedule with Senior Minister, Guest Artist, Choir (also their ensemble support with Guest Artists), accompanist and sound man
- Coordinate, promote & run special music events & concerts as needed

## **2012 – 2016**

Music Director for Association Global New Thought conferences around the world

### **Oct 24-27 2016 San Diego, CA**

Symposium on Engaged Spirituality

200 committed spiritual activists from around the world gathered to connect, support and mobilize their respective communities toward the Common Good, a world that works for everyone. Duties included booking and directing guest artists, musicians, singers for various performances throughout the symposium. Also song selection, directing rehearsal & performances, working with venue staff on sound requirements and with AGNT staff on programming.

### **Oct 27-30 2014 Santa Barbara, CA**

Awakened World International Film Festival

Oversee all musical presentations during evening gala events, book guest artists, choir and musicians, work closely with AGNT leadership to program music performances, work with union theater staff running our sound and visuals, handle travel logistics for guest artists/choir/musicians, and more.

### **Oct 13-23 2012 Rome & Florence, Italy**

Awakened World 2012 – Engaged Spirituality for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

An event that brought together 300 peace leaders, spiritual activists from religious and spiritual communities around the world from Sr. Joan Chittister, Jack Canfield, Ela Gandhi to Ven. Samdhong Rinpoche (representing the Dalai Lama) and many more.

Duties included: putting together & running a multi-faith band (Jewish guitarist/vocalist, Hindi percussionist, Muslim violinist, Native American flute player, Christian keys/lead singer, etc.), work closely with AGNT leadership to provide the right song at the right time, coordinating sound & instrument rentals in both Rome & Florence venues, and more.

### **Dec 2-9 2009 Melbourne, Australia**

Parliament of World Religions, representing New Thought, serve as co-music director & featured artist in our presentations throughout the conference. My duties included selecting appropriate songs, rehearsing musicians, working with AGNT staff & leadership, performing my original songs when needed.

## **Oct 2013**

Music Director @ Center for Spiritual Living's Annual Young Adult Retreat

Worship leader for an intimate group of 50 or so young adults, providing spiritual music throughout camp to support specific workshop, services and rituals. Work with CSL staff, ministers and young adults to choose appropriate praise songs and reflective chants.

## **June 26 – July 23 2010**

Co-Music Director @ Global Teen Camp for Centers for Spiritual Living

Served as a worship leader to 500+ teens in various services, ceremonies, processes throughout camp. Choose music and run band rehearsals & performances. Work with CSL staff & ministers to provide requested musical support.

## **May 2008 – Nov 2010**

Co-Music Director & Featured Performer for Humanity Unites Brilliance (HUB)

HUB is a for-profit organization focusing 40% of its profits to support companies & individuals providing solutions & services to the world's most urgent problems (hunger, education, environment, homelessness, etc.) Luminaries like Jean Houston, Jack Canfield, Michael Beckwith, Marie Diamond and more were founding members & presenters.

Worked on multiple conferences/leadership events around the US including San Francisco, Phoenix, Big Island, Long Beach & more.

**June 2004 – Dec 2006**

Music Director, Featured Performer, Original Los Angeles Chapter Leader for Humanity's Team

Humanity's Team is a non-profit spiritual activist organization started by Neale Donald Walsch & Steve Farrell. Worked on multiple conferences/leadership events around the US including Santa Barbara, Atlanta, Upstate New York and also spear-headed a recording project with multiple artists to fundraise for the organization's service programs.

**Oct 2003 – Oct 2004**

Covenant Presbyterian Contemporary Music Director & Youth Choir @ Covenant Presbyterian, Long Beach, CA

Coordinate all music, musicians, & youth choir for contemporary Sunday services. Work with at-risk youth using music to empower them, give them a voice, and a way to serve the greater community through music. We worked on their vocal technique, general music skills, we even wrote songs together for service including "Colors of Praise" that is used around the country. We chose the music together and they even rapped, played violin, danced. I did my best to include all their many talents all while choosing a repertoire of music that would serve the congregation as well. Every Sunday I would direct the band and the youth choir.

**Jan 2003 - May 2007**

Music Director & Event Production for Long Beach Women's Festival

An annual event featuring 40+ artists on 3 stages over 2 days. Free community event highlighting southern California women artists in different disciplines (spoken word, instrumentalists, bands, dance groups, and more). I scouted & booked artists, programmed daily show, oversaw all A/V needs & staffing and assisted with promotion & funding.

**Jan 2001 – Current**

Professional Songwriter

Writing and recording songs with Grammy award-winning, multi-platinum, Oscar-nominated co-writers for placement on tv, film, and other licensing opportunities. My songs have been placed on numerous tv shows from Empire, ER, Hawaii 5-0, Scrubs, & more leading to an Emmy in 2003 for Outstanding Original Song on a daytime series. My songs have been co-written & recorded by multiple Grammy winner Daniel Ho and multiple Na Hoku Hanohano winners Na Leo Pilimehana.

**April 2001 – Current**

SAG / AFTRA – Session Singer

Hired to sing as a soloist or in a group/choir for various tv, film, radio & live performances. Jobs have included The Voice, Forgetting Sarah Marshall, Battlestar Galactica, Deal or No Deal, Your Highness etc.

**Jan 2000 – Dec 2004**

Vocal Coach to Performing/Recording Artists

I was an ongoing vocal coach to young girl groups (ages 10-18) including private lessons to each member. I gave private lessons weekly as well as group coaching to work on specific songs for recording and/or live performances. Since I worked with them over a few years, I was able to nurture them through their early singing career not to mention the challenges of being in the "industry." Girl groups included: SLK, Volume, The Girlz and other artists managed by Ron Eckstine Management

**April 1997 – Current**

Recording & Touring Positive Music Artist

Found & currently operating Lil' Girl Creations, an independent music label to support my artist releases. Write, record songs, release albums & other related products (like songbooks, flashdrives, etc.), perform & tour nationally & internationally to a variety of empowering communities/organizations /events (like Association for Global New Thought, Empower Music & Arts, Unity Worldwide, Centers for Spiritual Living, women's events, global peace events/organizations, etc.).

**1994 California State University, Long Beach, CA**

Magna Cum Laude - Bachelor of Arts in Music and Minor in Marketing