

# SAMANTHA MARTIN AND DELTA SUGAR

**NEW SINGLE “THE SHAPE I’M IN”  
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**PRE-ORDER THE ALBUM “A BEAUTIFUL BUZZ” – MAY 22  
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***“The most powerful voice in Canadian blues”  
– Rob Bowman (Stax: Soulsville, U.S.A)***

***“Indispensable, Samantha Martin, the new Southern soul tornado”  
– Paris Move***

***“Samantha Martin is a rock star; she’ll tear your heart out one note at a time”  
– Serena Ryder***

Two-time JUNO Nominee ‘Samantha Martin & Delta Sugar’ release their second single “The Shape I’m In” from their upcoming record *A Beautiful Buzz*. The single is available on Friday March 27<sup>th</sup> on all available platforms [HERE](#). Stream the audio on YouTube [HERE](#).

Originally written and recorded by legendary Canadian rock outfit **The Band**, “The Shape I’m In” stands as one of this country’s most electrifying musical exports—though many listeners don’t realize the song’s deep

Canadian roots. Samantha Martin & Delta Sugar reclaim the classic with a bold, full-bodied reinterpretation, transforming it into a fiery, soul-drenched revival powered by their explosive 10-piece line-up.

Featuring searing horn arrangements, gospel-charged backing vocals, and Samantha's powerhouse, southern-revival delivery, the track surges with grit, swagger, and raw emotional release. Adding even more star power, JUNO Award-winning multi-instrumentalist **Steve Marriner** (MonkeyJunk) joins the band, bringing his unmistakable tone and roots authenticity to a performance that feels both reverent and radically alive. The result is a triumphant celebration of a Canadian classic—reimagined with the sweat, soul, and unrelenting energy that has made Samantha Martin & Delta Sugar a must-see force on international stages.



Photo credit: Renan Yildizdogan

**Samantha Martin & Delta Sugar** are set to release their new live album ***A Beautiful Buzz*** via **Gypsy Soul Records** on **May 22, 2026**. Captured during the band's ***Love Is All Around Tour*** across Western Canada in 2022, the album documents the raw power, soul, and communal energy that have made Samantha Martin & Delta Sugar one of Canada's most electrifying live acts.

The CD and limited edition gatefold double vinyl editions of the album are available via [www.samanthamartinmusic.com/store](http://www.samanthamartinmusic.com/store) with the digital edition available on all streaming platforms [HERE](#).

**Samantha Martin & Delta Sugar** occupy a rare space in modern roots blues music: deeply reverent of soul and gospel tradition, yet unafraid to push those forms into something louder, sweatier, and fiercely alive. Led by Martin's unmistakable, powerhouse vocal delivery, the band has earned a reputation as one of Canada's most commanding live acts, equal parts grit, grace, and emotional force.

A two-time **JUNO Award nominee** and seven-time **Canadian Blues Award nominee** for **Female Vocalist of the Year**, Samantha Martin has long drawn comparisons to the great soul shouters of the past. As *Rhythm & Booze* put it, “Samantha Martin’s name can be talked of in the same sentence as Etta James, Tina Turner, and Aretha Franklin. It’s soul for the modern age with a turbocharger.” *Paris Move (France)* went further, calling her “indispensable, Samantha Martin, the new Southern soul tornado.”

Those comparisons aren’t casual. Over the course of their catalogue, discerning listeners will hear echoes of Mavis Staples, Sharon Jones, Otis Redding, Booker T. & the MG’s, and the Memphis Horns, all filtered through a modern, road-hardened sensibility. It’s classic soul DNA delivered with contemporary urgency and volume. As *Glide Magazine* noted, “a jaw-dropping display of vocal prowess that highlights this band’s brand of supercharged blues. Comparisons of soul greats run rampant, but like Brittany Howard, Samantha Martin might be the next musical game changer.”



**Photo Credit: Paul Wright**

Mixed by **Renan Yildizdogan** and **Ross Hayes Citrullo**, the in-house team at Gypsy Soul Records, *A Beautiful Buzz* marks a first for the band: a long-overdue live album capturing the raw electricity that has defined Samantha Martin & Delta Sugar onstage for over a decade.

Recorded during the band’s ***Love Is All Around Tour*** across Western Canada in 2022, *A Beautiful Buzz* was born under extraordinary circumstances. Originally scheduled for January and repeatedly delayed by the final wave of COVID-era disruptions, the tour finally launched in November, with Martin six months pregnant. Undeterred, a 13-person touring party loaded into a sprinter and rental car and pushed west from the sub-zero cold of Saskatoon toward the West Coast.

Night after night, the shows carried a heightened emotional charge, but one final performance stood apart, crackling with urgency, joy, and the awareness that one chapter was closing just as another was about to begin. That moment became *A Beautiful Buzz*, a testament to resilience, love, and transformation, capturing a band at full throttle and an artist on the edge of profound personal change.



For many listeners, the album lands somewhere in the lineage of Joe Cocker's *Mad Dogs & Englishmen*, a communal, unrestrained live soul revue where horns, grit, gospel, and sweat collide. It's not a polished live souvenir; it's the sound of a band at peak intensity, feeding off the room and giving it everything back.

With a new studio album already in development for 2027, *A Beautiful Buzz* stands not as a detour or placeholder, but as a deliberate statement, finally committing to record the live force that made Samantha Martin & Delta Sugar essential in the first place.

"The *Love Is All Around* tour, initially set for January 2022, faced the trials of postponement until November 2022—marking the closing chapter of COVID-era delays. By the time the tour kicked off, I was six months pregnant with my son. I've never been one to be easily deterred. So, clad in a winter jacket that barely zipped, our 13-person touring party loaded into a sprinter and a rental car and embarked on a tour from the sub-zero temperatures of Saskatoon to

the balmy West Coast of Canada. Each show was a whirlwind of energy and emotion, but one stood out above the rest. Perhaps it was the excitement of the final show, or maybe it was the realization that my life was about to change in a big way. Whatever the reason, the atmosphere was electric, filled with a beautiful buzz that I wanted to share with you. This album captures the magic I felt, and is a testament to resilience, love, and the power of music amidst life's transformations." – **Samantha Martin**



### **A BEAUTIFUL BUZZ – ALBUM TRACK LISTING**

- 1- Love is All Around - 3:35 (S. Martin, J. Chisholm)
- 2- Don't Have To Be - 3:02 (S. Martin, A. Beer-Colacino, A. Warner)
- 3- You're The Love - 3:37 (S. Martin, C. Chaffey)

- 4- Good Trouble - 3:18 (S. Martin, S. Vinnick)
- 5- All Night Long - 4:39 (S. Martin, C. Chaffey, M. McCallum, D. Yates, D. Nash, S. Marriner)
- 6- The Shape I'm In (feat. Steve Marriner) - 3:58 (Robbie Robertson)
- 7- I've Got a Feeling - 6:58 (S. Martin, C. Chaffey)
- 8- My Crown - 5:53 (Rench)
- 9- Loving You Is Easy - 7:25 (S. Martin)
- 10- "Band Intro" - (1:48) (S. Martin)
- 11- Pass Me By - (3:31) (S. Martin, C. Chaffey)
- 12- Them Changes - 3:54 (George Buddy Miles)
- 13- Loving Cup - 6:25 (M. Jagger, K. Richards)

### **PRODUCTION CREDITS**

Recorded November 26, 2022 @ A.C.T. Theatre in Maple Ridge, BC  
Mixed by Renan Yildizdogan and Ross Hayes Citrullo at RHC Music in Toronto, ON  
Mastered by Phil Demetro Mastering in Toronto, ON

Lead Vocals & Acoustic Guitar: Samantha Martin  
Background Vocalists: Tafari Anthony & Sherie Marshall  
Electric Guitar: Curtis Chaffey  
Bass: Ian McKeown  
Drums: Will Fisher  
Keys: Jeff Heisholt  
Trombone: Emily Ferrell  
Saxophone: Andrew Moljgun  
Trumpet: Brian Walters

Special guest vocalist and acoustic guitar on "Shape I'm In" and second electric on "Them Changes" and "Loving Cup": Steve Marriner

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