

## Beth Portman (& the Good Find) Biographies

### Short Bio (40 words)

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### Medium Bio (105 words)

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### Long Biography (232 words)

Beth Portman's musical interests are influenced by her love of early film. An award-winning animator, music played a major role in the creation of her two films for the National Film Board of Canada — *Cactus Swing*, with country music by Alberta's Great Western Orchestra, and *Fair Phyllis*, with a madrigal soundtrack featuring her lyrics. Beth is a founding member of the world-beat, a cappella sextet Juba, touring from Yellowknife to Ontario and Harare, Zimbabwe. Beth performed in the WW2-themed Home Front Cabaret as one member of The Swingin' Sisters Club, along with real sisters Bridget and Kate Ryan. The production toured British Columbia, the North West Territories and Alberta. Beth draws on her experience to present a personal perspective to life and love through original music and lyrics described as, "Clever, touching and sassy". She recently released the EP *Take a Trip*, featuring her band, The Good Find, an ensemble of musicians complementing Beth's own performance on the ukulele or beating a rhythm with her shoe struck against a suitcase. Her debut album *Lovin'*, was released in 2011 to enthusiastic reviews. The Edmonton Journal described it as "playful and uplifting" and CKUA Radio declared it "A joy to listen to." Based in Edmonton, Beth has performed at the Edmonton Fringe Festival, the Horizon Stage and Stettler Concert Series', in concert on the Edmonton Streetcar, and at folk clubs, cafes and cabarets. [www.bethportman.com](http://www.bethportman.com)