

## **Victoria Koslosky: Musical Biography – as of 12/31/2019**

Victoria Koslosky is a seventeen-year old musician and vocalist who has used her musical talents in various ways. People who see Victoria perform often comment that she is a “natural.” Her comfort and confidence on stage comes across, whether it be playing or singing with a polka band, or acting, singing and dancing in musical theater productions.

### **Performing with bands as musician, vocalist, and emcee**

She is currently a member of The KOSMIX. With The KOSMIX she sings in English and Polish and plays violin and ukulele. She also shares the emcee duties. The KOSMIX plays a variety of events, including polka dances and parties, church festivals, and senior living centers and nursing homes. The senior living centers and nursing homes provide special opportunities to “meet and greet” the people in attendance. Victoria recognizes the importance of connecting with the people in the audience, and what a beautiful thing it is to share those moments.

Victoria started playing violin at the age of four. Soon after that, she began performing with various bands, including Henny & the Versa J’s with her dad. She continues to be a guest performer with various bands, and has performed with Ray Jay and the Carousels, Lil’ John & the ATM Band, Polka Family, and Pan Franek, in addition to being a member of The KOSMIX.

Victoria is classically trained on violin and has used that training when she plays violin at wedding ceremonies. The classical training carries over into her ability to play technically challenging polka music on violin.

### **Musical theater**

Victoria says that she feels “at home on stage.” She loves doing musical theater. She is excited to be playing Poppins in her high school’s upcoming production of “Mary Poppins”. She has been in numerous theatrical productions, both in those produced by her school and by private theater companies. She has had leading roles in Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, Cinderella, The Little Mermaid, and a Summer Showcase of The Sound of Music. Also, Victoria has had main/named roles in Peter Pan, Alice in Wonderland, and Hairspray, and Crazy for You.

Victoria has been a member for several years of Larry Cervi’s East End Kids which has a reputation as Pittsburgh’s premier teen song and dance ensemble. The East End Kids provide professional entertainment for corporate, community and private events. Victoria is currently taken a leadership position in that ensemble by becoming a student director.

### **Performing on television and recordings**

Victoria was a member of the cast of the Mollie B Christmas Show in 2013 and 2014. On those shows she sang (including a song on which she was featured), recited from memory the Christmas story from Scripture, and danced.

She was also a lead vocalist and violinist on the recording and video of the song "As Long As I'm Livin'" released in December 2016. The recording and video were done at Seven Springs Mountain Resort during the 2016 Polka Fireworks weekend.

Victoria was the lead vocalist on the recording of the song "Everything's Better at the Beach" by The KOSMIX. This song and a music video of this song was released in 2019.

### **Music in her heart**

Music is very much part of her. Around the house she sings and sings and sings. The "song" flows from one to another and so on. Victoria passes on the joy of music to so many, because it is such a part of her.