

Lori Matta is an eastern Pennsylvania native with a passion for worship. She has been singing as long as she can remember. Her involvement in music ministry began at the age of 12, when she began singing in church with her father, and her nurturing home church gave her many opportunities to develop her gifts. At the high school level, Lori was involved in her choir, show choir, and vocal jazz ensemble, and was chosen to participate in county, district, and region-wide choral festivals. She was heavily involved in her school musicals, and played the lead role of Sarah in "Guys and Dolls" her senior year. She also participated in the Outstanding Young Woman scholarship program; in October of 2001 she was selected as Berks County's Outstanding Young Woman, and in November was selected as the second runner-up for the state of Pennsylvania. This experience afforded her the opportunity to sing, speak, and be a positive influence to the young people in her community.

Lori attended undergraduate and graduate school at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA. She obtained her bachelors and masters degrees in Speech-Language Pathology, and is now working as a pediatric speech-language pathologist at Bright Beginnings and Beyond clinic (New Castle, PA), as well as through DePaul School for Hearing and Speech (Pittsburgh, PA), where she specializes in serving children with hearing impairment.

While in college, Lori sang with Duquesne's concert choir and was a worship leader for their campus interdenominational group, Crossroads Christian Fellowship. Here she had the opportunity to lead weekly worship as well as organize and lead monthly Praise and Worship services for the entire campus community.

Since then, Lori has served as a worship team member, and more recently as a worship leader, at Mt. Lebanon United Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA for the past several years. She and her husband John have been married since July 2009, and now live in Poland, Ohio.

Lori's passion for worship is to worship "in spirit and in truth", so she is honored and excited to be working with SounDoctrine on their song, "Inspire". Lori is currently enrolled in the Master of Arts program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, where she is enjoying incorporating Biblical studies into her worship leading and songwriting.

Her previous recording experience has included recording with Christian singer/songwriter David M. Bailey, where she sang "Mary's Song" on his 2006 Christmas album, "Some Quiet Night". This experience ignited a passion in Lori for recording, and so she is honored to be teaming with such a group of amazing individuals on this project. She looks forward to many more to come!