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KARMINE

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*Her music is a mission of touching hearts, healing souls, and connecting a global artistic community.*

# ARTIST BIO



Nicole Karmine, a South African-born singer-songwriter began her artistic journey at a tender age, with a deep love for the medium of poetry and prose which laid the foundation for her musical career.

Now a global traveler with her soul-dog Gracie, her creative spirit and entrepreneurial endeavors have become her mission of sharing stories through sound - touching hearts, healing spaces, and connecting a global artistic community.

## **Early years and education**

Nicole's early years were marked by a profound love for storytelling and she was known to entertain friends and family with hours of singing and dancing, immersing herself in her imagination at any opportunity and indulging in the beauty of language through creative writing.

At the age of 7, she joined the school choir, however, after a move to a new school coupled with a few rejected choir auditions later, Nicole focused her attention on other activities.

Leaving her vocal passions behind, music was never a considered career pursuit but rather reserved for music jam sessions with her family and mobile therapy - on the dance floor and in the car.

Nicole pursued her studies in finance and accounting and an athletics scholarship at the University of Cape Town and one degree later, discovered her love for the softer side of business. She added an Honors in Psychology and certifications in Executive Coaching and Criminal Justice to her mix and led a successful 10-year career in financial crime investigation with her last corporate gig in cryptocurrency fraud.

## **Journey back to the heart**

During her 20's, Nicole found herself grappling with the complexities of life and it was only within her early 30's that she emerged from this turbulent time. It was the ending of a long romantic relationship that propelled her to rediscover her connection to creativity, understand her voice and find renewal and healing in the self-expression of songwriting.

# ARTIST BIO <sup>CONT.</sup>

## **Journey to New York City**

At the end of 2022, two months after being transferred to New York City to further her then full time career in financial crime investigation, a mass regional layoff left her without a job. Nicole took this as a sign to embark on a new chapter and got onto a train to Los Angeles.

With an expiring visa looming in the distance, she co-created alongside talented artists and producers in the United States as much as was financially and physically possible.

One year and one dark night of the soul later, with a deepened sense of self and a variety of new songs, Nicole and her co-adventuring soul-dog Gracie took the flight from New York City to Paris.

Now, living in France and furthering her dreams, she is uncovering her creations to the world.

## **Sonic Style**

Nicole's voice has a fragility, sensuousness, and siren-esque quality that is hypnotic." (Joe Sparrow) and as a songwriter, she is known for being "an artist in the truest sense of the word.

Although her genres span Classical, Jazz, Folk, Pop, and Indie styles, Nicole's music defies categorization as she embraces a multifaceted approach to her artistry and "creates her own unique musical world that all begins with her lyrics dripped in poetry" and it is her sense of emotional storytelling that guides the light in collaborations, providing a strong foundation" (Joe Sparrow) for each composition to not just be a song but a profound story.

Her "lyrics already come from a soulful place and she always brings fresh ideas to the table, adding that essential unique touch and using her incredible gift for crafting words that speak from the heart." (Ettienne Lane)

## **Living in a state of song**

Nicole has unveiled her debut single "kaal kind" and an intimate duet "Soete Wierook" performed with the talented Jan-Hendrik Fourie, offering a glimpse into her poetic style and showcasing her beautiful home language, Afrikaans, to the world.

She is set to release her next Afrikaans single and EP and working on her dream to live in a state of song - capturing the sounds and stories of every country in the world - through song.

# ARTIST BIO <sup>CONT.</sup>

## Changing the creative landscape

Nicole's latest ventures are testament to her being "not just a creative thinker but a fearless explorer, constantly seeking new experiences and pushing the limits of what's possible." Her projects require both creativity and courage". (Amanda Luyt)

As the founder of Swartkat Studios, Nicole is focused on empowering and enabling authentic art in the world, changing the creative landscape and the way in which we exchange energy.

She is also the co-founder of the non-profit organisation The Bridge Children's Home based in Cape Town and the wellness and working professional community, Friday Feels, which celebrates authentic connection and showcases raw and real conversations through the podcast Your Happy Hour.

As Nicole continues to evolve as an artist, she remains committed to authenticity, freedom and transformation, creating a space in which stories are shared and inviting her audience to embrace authenticity, self-discovery and expression.

## Connect

Whether over a cup of coffee, a glass of wine, or the microphone, she is always open to co-creative connections.

To get in touch and for more information, please visit: [nicolekarmine.com](http://nicolekarmine.com).

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# ARTIST STATEMENT

## POETRY BEHIND THE MUSIC

I love words. I love the sound they make and the way they make us feel - inviting us to look into our souls and uncover our truths - the stories we hold in our hearts.

I create and share poetic journeys of love, intimacy and authenticity. And in music, I found the universal language of love, where I can speak from my soul to yours. Each song, flowing through me into the world, is a reminder - to live in a state of song. It inspires co-creation, empowers community and enables fearless expression.

My mission is to share my joy and may whoever is listening feel their hearts open, and give themselves permission to be - embrace their own honesty and truth and so hold space for others to do the same.

# PRESS RELEASE

## Igniting and Inspiring: Nicole Karmine sets the musical sky on fire with latest single "Supanova Daisy"

**Cape Town, South Africa, 23 May 2024** – On the heels of the captivating love duet and intimate music video "Soete Wierook" captured alongside artist Jan-Hendrik Fourie, South African singer-songwriter Nicole Karmine releases her latest Story in Song into the world. "Supanova Daisy" will be available on all major streaming platforms this Thursday, 23 May 2024.

Following the success of her collaboration "Soete Wierook" with Ettienne Lane and Gideon Murray, Karmine has once again teamed up with these South African composer-producers to create another proudly Afrikaans audio experience in 'Supanova Daisy'.

"I wrote this song in August 2022, inspired by a YouTube video in which the speaker conveyed the beauty and power of both the Supernova and daisy flower. I immediately sat down and wrote about it. I knew what was on paper was something special but I did not realise that I had in fact written a letter of longing and love to my future self – the true self I was yet to discover."

More than a year and half later, after a move to New York City for her then financial crime investigation career and a bucket list of traveling and adventures through the United States with Gracie, her souldog companion, Karmine, who now lives in France, contacted Lane again saying it was time for this song to come to life in music.

"Recording this song was an intensely beautiful and raw experience as all the emotions unlocked for me in that moment in the studio. I am so grateful that we could co-create a symbol of freedom of love for all who listen to feel lighter knowing that your heart knows where to lead you – to the places and the people and mostly, to your truth."

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Karmine's latest venture as the founder of Swartkat Studios, a creative community and production platform dedicated to enabling and empowering authentic art, sets the stage for her mission of "Livin' in a State of Song", encouraging everyone to truly value art and artists.

Stay tuned for "Supanova Daisy" this Thursday and catch the magical music video of "Soete Wierook" available on YouTube and Facebook!

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# PRESS RELEASE

## A Story in Song: Nicole Karmine and Jan-Hendrik Fourie unveil love duet "Soete Wierook" (available now)



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**Cape Town, South Africa, 15 May 2024** – South African singer-songwriter Nicole Karmine and talented artist Jan-Hendrik Fourie released their captivating love duet "Soete Wierook". It is now available on all major streaming platforms.

Inspired by the lingering feels of a Spoegwolf concert and the scent of incense, "Soete Wierook" is a soulful collaboration between Karmine, Fourie and composer-producers Etienne Lane and Gideon Murray – an authentic South African production and Afrikaans musical experience.

"I just knew it needed to be a duet," says Karmine and "I remembered Jan-Hendrik's performance at a CreativeMornings Cape Town event where I thought: Wow, I'd love to make music with this guy. So, I tracked him down and three days before my move to New York City, we recorded the song."

The release comes amidst Karmine's latest venture as the founder of Swartkat Studios, a creative community and platform dedicated to enabling and empowering authentic art. Fourie continues his 14 year professional musical journey gracing stages in South Africa and releasing solo artist singles and an album with his band, The Jimm Harisson Project.

Catch the magic of "Soete Wierook" and the official and intimate music video captured by Cape Town based videographer Jahk van Heerden, released earlier today!

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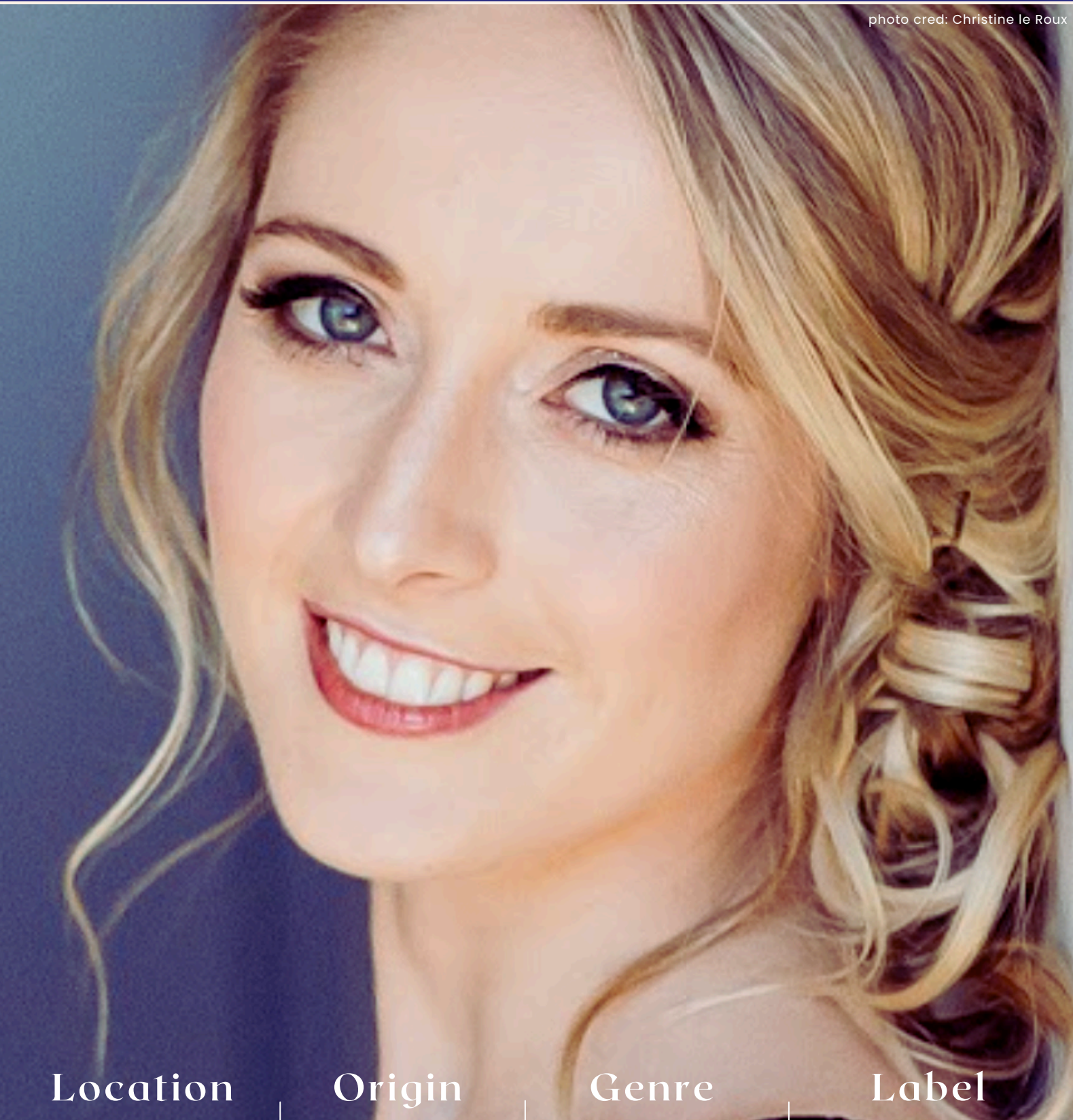
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# NICOLE KARMINE

poet/ singer-songwriter

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**Location**

FRANCE

**Origin**

SOUTH AFRICA

**Genre**

CLASSIC-JAZZ-POP

**Label**

SWARTKAT STUDIOS

# MUSIC BIO



South African born singer-songwriter, Nicole started writing poetry at a young age.

After venturing into the dark night of her soul, she found her way back to her creative spirit and started turning her poetry into songs, discovering her voice and embarked on a journey of working with talented singing coaches and composers in Cape Town.

Music was merely a pursuit of passion and it was her then full time career in financial crime investigation which took her to New York City where the universe had other plans. She had barely arrived and one layoff later, she was faced with what she truly wanted to do next.

Prompted her to heed the call of her inner creative voice, Nicole boarded a train to Los Angeles and found herself immersed in a collaborative journey, co-creating music and lyrics alongside esteemed artists and producers in the United States - all the way back to her heart.

In 2023, Nicole debuted her first single "kaal\_kind". She had been holding onto this song until she felt ready to start sharing her true self with the world.

Now, Nicole unveils love duet Soete Wierook with talented singer-songwriter and musician Jan-Hendrik Fourie and is working on her next single and EP!

Passionate about all individuals being able to discover and express their authentic voices, Nicole has founded Swartkat Studios.

Swartkat aims to change the creative landscape in order to enable and empower creatives and inspire everyone to embrace the creative self.

A STORY IN SONG



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*“Nicole has this incredible gift for crafting words that speak from the heart. The music or compositions created for her songs flow effortlessly because the lyrics already come from a soulful place. As for Nicole herself, I can say she's one of the most peaceful people I've ever had the privilege of working with. She always brings fresh ideas to the table, adding that essential unique touch to everything we do.”*

**ETTIENNE LANE - SONGWRITER, COMPOSER & PRODUCER**

*“I had the pleasure of working with Nicole on projects that required both creativity and courage. Not only was she willing to take risks, but she embraced challenges with enthusiasm, always pushing boundaries to explore new possibilities. Nicole is not just a creative thinker; she is a fearless explorer, constantly seeking new experiences and pushing the limits of what's possible. It was an honour to collaborate with someone who brings such passion and energy to everything she does.”*

**AMANDA LUYT - VOCAL COACH**

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*“Nicole is an artist in the truest sense of the word. She creates her own unique musical world that all begins with her lyrics dripped in poetry. Her sense of emotional story telling really was the guiding light in our collaboration and provided the strong foundation for the project. The music easily flowed out of the lyrics and was almost an effortless writing and producing process. Her voice has a fragility, sensuousness, and siren-esque quality that I personally find hypnotic. I loved working with Nicole on this project and I am excited to see where her journey as an artist leads.”*

**JOE SPARROW - SONGWRITER, COMPOSER & PRODUCER**

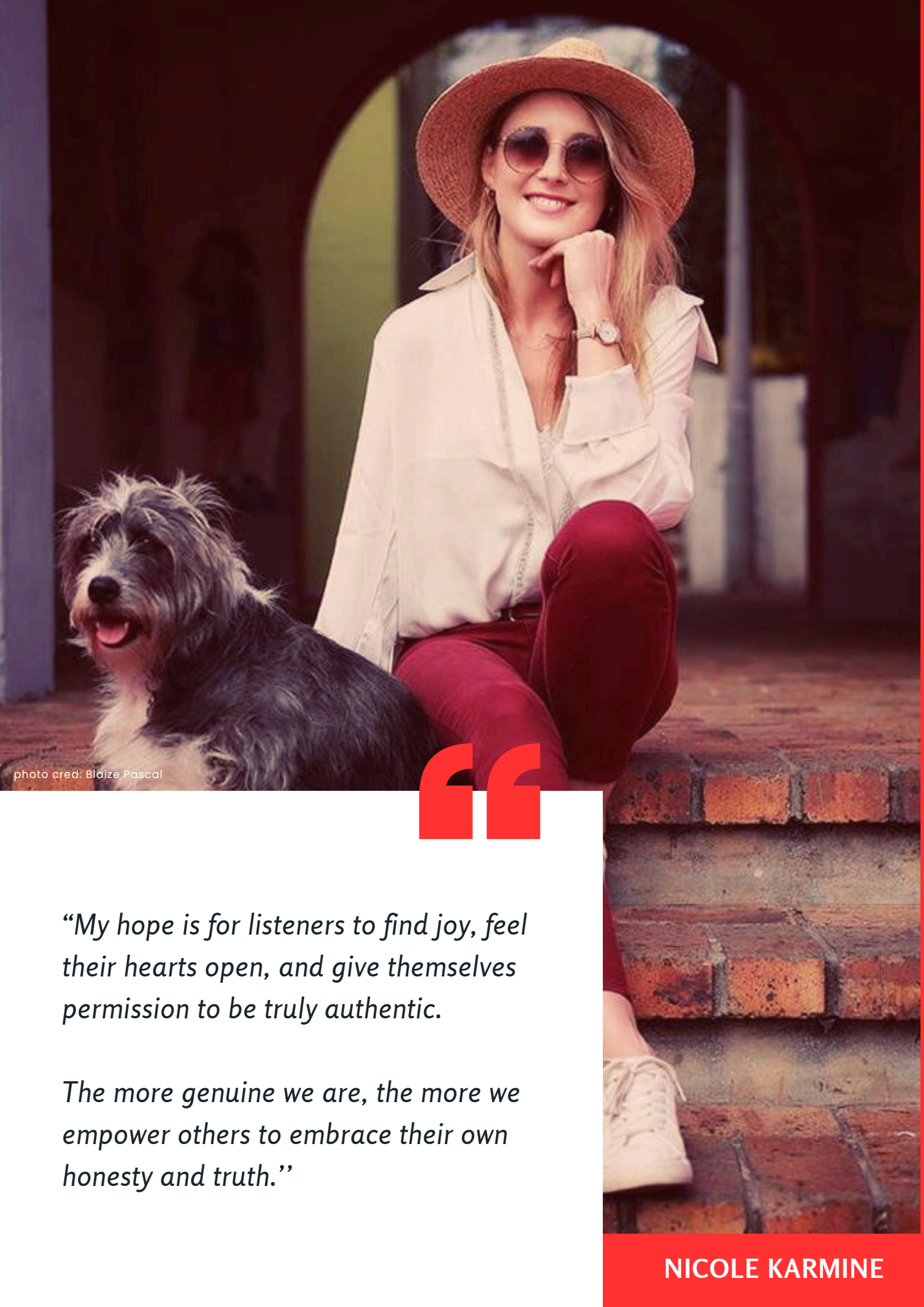


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*“My hope is for listeners to find joy, feel their hearts open, and give themselves permission to be truly authentic.*

*The more genuine we are, the more we empower others to embrace their own honesty and truth.”*

**NICOLE KARMINE**



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