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JOANNA CHAPMAN-SMITH DUO & TRIO - CONTRARIES TOUR - FALL 2011

- IMA AWARD 2010 - BEST ACOUSTIC SONG

- CANADA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT 2010



Blending acoustic urban Canadiana with jazzy and European flavours, JOANNA CHAPMAN-SMITH has a supple and finely-nuanced voice; writing with *"the ear of a poet"* (The Georgia Straight) and a wisdom beyond her years. Her musical self-portrait is composed of an unusually large palette of moods and colours.

The songs on her second album - CONTRARIES - mark her out as a unique voice in the Singer-Songwriter scene, and spring from a global-vagabond sensibility. Understandable, when you find out she has a love of European folk tradition and her family roots stretch from Italy to New Zealand. She is currently completing work on her third album, entitled LOVE ME DEEPLY and due for release in 2012, which will show us a mature and spacious sonic approach to her idiosyncratic style.

Joanna has already toured many times around the world performing her music. When alone on stage, or when joined by one or more international accompanists, she draws on her love of storytelling and cabaret to charm unassuming crowds into a complete world, that questions right and wrong, mind and body, permanence and impermanence.

2010-11 marks the passing of a great year for Joanna: winning the 9th annual IMA songwriting award for MELODIES in the 'Best Acoustic Song' category; being awarded a professional development grant by the Canada Council for the Arts; being profiled on national US radio (NPR) and beginning work on her new and most exciting album to date. She recently completed a three-month spring tour that took her to the UK, Belgium, Denmark, The Netherlands, Germany, Italy and the USA. She tours Western Canada in the Fall of 2011, and returns to Europe in the spring of 2012.

"The slinky-voiced Canadian whose arch acoustic musings and fondness for the accordion come laced with a hint of Parisian cafes and East European Klezmer music." - Q (UK)

"A musical soundscape that is a rich, lush journey from Canada to Europe, and makes you want to hitch up your skirt and break out in high-stepping dance with the gypsies." - Tim Stough (CAN)

"Chapman-Smith rises above the herd of folkie Singer-Songwriters" - Tony Montage, The Georgia Straight (CAN)

"Exceptional... a creative and skilled vocalist." - Danny Zwerdling, NPR (USA)

"Jazzy, soulful vocals - a summertime porch lullaby." - Metro (CAN)

"An absolute joy to listen to. In Joanna Chapman-Smith we have finally found a female Singer-Songwriter who has broken the mould." - Penny Black Music (UK)

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For this Fall tour Joanna will be performing with British accompanist and composer MAT MARTIN (Kirsty McGee, Quiet Loner, The Brute Chorus) on fretted strings, and for trio shows also with Vancouver-based Accordion Noir specialist SALMON AVALANCHE (Melissa Bandura, Los Portenos del Norte, Blackberry Wood). Both musicians also sing.

2011 WESTERN CANADA TOUR (SELECTED DATES) - JOANNA CHAPMAN-SMITH:

05 NOVEMBER - ROLLING EARTH FARM RETREAT, ROBERTS CREEK, BC
JOANNA CHAPMAN-SMITH TRIO

11 NOVEMBER - THE ART WE ARE, KAMLOOPS, BC
JOANNA CHAPMAN-SMITH TRIO (VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL WORKSHOPS DURING DAY)

12 NOVEMBER - ARTSPACE @ BOOKS & COMPANY, PRINCE GEORGE, BC
JOANNA CHAPMAN-SMITH TRIO

17 NOVEMBER - FINE ARTS SCHOOL, DUNSTER, BC
JOANNA CHAPMAN-SMITH TRIO (VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL WORKSHOPS FROM 14-17th)

18 NOVEMBER - THE AUDITORIUM, NANTON, AB
JOANNA CHAPMAN-SMITH TRIO

20 NOVEMBER - BRUNO'S BAR & GRILL, CANMORE, AB
JOANNA CHAPMAN-SMITH TRIO

22 NOVEMBER - IRONWOOD STAGE & GRILL, CALGARY, AB
JOANNA CHAPMAN-SMITH TRIO

Joanna will also be playing a selection of house concerts in BC and AB during this trip, and more bookings are likely to be confirmed between now and the tour - please visit www.joannacs.com for more information.

Joanna and her accompanists are happy to conduct interviews and live sessions for local and national media whilst on tour, and would welcome your interest in this. Please contact us for more information and to organise the timing during their tour.

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