

KATHERINE WHEATLEY

URNS PEBBLES OF EVERYDAY LIFE INTO DREAMY MOUNTAINS OF SONG (TORONTO STAR)



Acoustic roots with catchy melodies, arresting vocals, great guitar playing, lyrics that get you and that you get - these are all things that have been written over and over again about Katherine Wheatley's music. She sings truth, bravely, and in detail. Like Shawn Colvin, Edie Brickell and Joni Mitchell, Wheatley mines heartache and produces lyrical and melodic gold. And like one of her earliest influences, Gordon Lightfoot, she invokes nature to reflect the emotional intent of her songs.

Katherine's passion for music began with a 13 dollar guitar ordered from the Sears Catalogue. Her debut performance was with the Parry Sound High School Stage Band at the Bobby Orr Community Centre singing "Rhinstone Cowboy". She worked for the Canadian Geological Survey out of Flin Flon, MB before putting down the hammer and digging out her guitar. A humble and hardworking musician, she's come a long way since Ian Tyson told her to "LEARN YOUR ROOTS!" after opening for him in 1994.

Katherine won the Duke Ellington Award for arranging, the Gordon Delamont Award for Composition and the CMPA award for songwriting at Humber College. Her song "Hallelujah" won a Golden Quill award and was selected, along with "Some Sweet Country" for the new Rise Again songbook (30th anniversary publication of Rise Up). Her solo show in Charlottetown was awarded "Performance of the Year" 2010 by the Guardian. She's been on Stuart McLean's Vinyl Cafe, TVO's Studio Two, CBC's Vicki Gabareau Show and CTV's Canada AM and has written music for film and television documentaries.

In addition to touring across Canada, the U.S. and Europe as a solo singer/songwriter, Katherine is a member of the Toronto super group "Betty and The Bobs", plays regularly in the hilarious and moving duo "Wendell and Wheat" (where "she doesn't leave a dry eye and he doesn't leave a dry seat") and tours every winter with Jude Vadala and Tannis Slimmon in the trio "Boreal". Katherine is in high demand for her innovative songwriting and music workshops. She's written and recorded over 200 songs with kids through her Youthsongs program and has produced over 30 CDs with schools across North America. She works as a singer and zodiac driver on board the ship The MS Expedition as it plies the seas of Antarctica and the Norwegian Arctic.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

As a listener, it's hard not to sit back, close your eyes and watch the movie play. And man, can this serene red head ever play guitar! SEE MAGAZINE, Edmonton, AB

I was left with my jaw hanging open many, many times throughout the 18 songs Wheatley treated us to.
THE GUARDIAN, Charlottetown, PEI

An absolutely transcendent concert...she exudes sheer kindness and love. Blessedly, refreshingly, a truly Canadian original.
CHRONICLE JOURNAL, Thunder Bay, ON

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Koerner Hall, Toronto, ON
Telc Festival, Czech Republic
Mariposa Folk Festival, Orillia, ON
Winnipeg Folk Festival, Winnipeg, MB
Hillside Festival, Guelph, ON
Rogue Folk Club, Vancouver, BC
Nickelodeon, Calgary, AB
Glen Gould Theatre, Toronto, ON
The Ark, Ann Arbor, MI
The Atheneum, Nantucket, MA
School Gymnasiums, Legions and Homes in Mt. Stewart PEI, Pugwash NS, Wakefield PQ, Lynn PA, Chappleau ON, Carrot River MB, Forget SK, High River AB, Comox BC

RECORDINGS AND PUBLICATIONS

Recordings

Boreal – *Winter's Welcome* 2014
Katherine Wheatley - *Landed* 2009
Betty and The Bobs – *Self Titled* 2006
Katherine Wheatley, Susan Crowe and Lenka Slaba – *Zive v Telci a Brne* (released in Czech Republic 2003)
Katherine Wheatley – *Habits and Heroes* 1999
Katherine Wheatley – *Straight Line* 1995
Katherine Wheatley – *Self Titled* 1992

Publications

Digital Sheet Music at Berlen Music



From left to right: Wendell and Wheat in Haliburton; Betty and The Bobs at recording of The Vinyl Cafe in Guelph; Solo at Hugh's Room; Nelson Mandela Park Public School Gr 3/4's at Dundas Square opening Luminato Festival in 2009; Boreal in Brantford.

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