

## Mp3 Amy Fradon - Small Town News



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Harmony jammed , eclectic, acoustical folky country-tinged pop. 14 MP3 Songs FOLK: Gentle COUNTRY: Traditional Country Small Town News Songs Details: Amy Fradon, dear and well-respected for her towering and soulful vocals and familiar melodic songwriting has been wooing audiences all over the world with her fine acoustical band, Small Town News. If you havent heard of Amy, here is a brief list some of her credits. She has sung and/ or recorded with respected artists such as Ed Sanders and the Fugs, Rick Danko and The Band, Happy and Artie Traum, Rory Block, Terri Roche, Maria Muldaur, John Sebastian, Tiny Tim, Tom Chapin, Pete Seeger, Peter Shickley, Jay Unger and Molly Mason, John Hall, Orleans, Arlo Guthrie, Guy Davis, John Platania, Lucy Kaplansky, The Vanaver Caravan and many more. She appeared in three National Touring Companies of the Broadway smash hit Pump Boys and Dinettes and has sung numerous jingles including Gimbles dept. stores, ACME supermarkets and Sheiks Condems (!) She is the founder of the Vocal Visionary Foundation and has an extensive private practice as a voice instructor. She hs taught at Omega Institute, The Beyond Mind Healing Center and SUNY Purchase Conservatory Of Music. Most people remember her for her recording partnership with Leslie Ritter on Shanachie/ Cachet Records which yielded the duo a top 20 hit on the Gavin radio charts in 1994. Amys song, Roll On was one of the first videos accepted by VH1s acoustical programming in 1990. Amy has been touring with her acoustical band since 1995. They have played such well-known venues as the Philly Folk Festival, Falcon Ridge Folk Festival, Londons the Weavers, the Bottom Line,Toronto Harbourfest, Rudolstadt InternationalDance and Music Fest and many more. The members of Small Town News are: Tim Moore; acoustical guitar/ piano/vocals, Mark Murphy; upright bass/ cello/ vocals, Ken McGloin; acoustical guitar, Paul Duffy; keyboards, Amanda Rothenberg and Vickie Russell; harmony vocals. Depending on the size of a venue you will hear either the whole band or an even more unplugged

version of Small Town News featuring the raw beauty of Amys voice and one or two of the other band members. Either way, they will play the songs that Amys fans have come to know and love as well as the newer selections from the upcoming release entitled Small Town News. Amy Fradon and Small Town News deliver an unforgettable and heart-opening evening of music. Its a mixture of intimate and sophisticated and above all, honest and unpretentious. Dirty Linen magazine likened Amys songwriting to the best of Robbie Robertson of The Band. Whether you are seeing Small Town News in its trimmed down unplugged, unplugged version or the entire group with its many textures and talents, you will go home with the sense of having been a part of something very special and real. CD Review Small Town News is the latest CD by Amy Fradon and her band Small Town News. Its a collection of 14 songs with the usual variety that Amys fans appreciate so much and includes songs that they have been hearing for awhile as well as some debut material. The CD was lovingly coproduced by Amy Fradon and John Platania. The title, Small Town News, is the title of the last song on the CD which Amy co-penned with songwriter and bandmember Tim Moore. Its a classic torch song about a singer from a small town in Anywhere, America and sings to the power and glory of the unsung heroes of small towns everywhere. Although the themes on the CD are varied, many songs reflect the loving interest and observation that Amy has for small town life and situations. Songs like Lily and Billy and Magic Moonbeam Motel are true stories and vignettes of people and places that Amy has known or witnessed. Other songs such as Silver Wings (a goodbye song for the late and great Rick Danko) and Come What May( a song inspired by the wild beauty of a rainstorm in the Catskill Mountains) reflect Amys love for her community and region. And, as Amys fans will tell you, there are a few moments of gritty comic relief in songs like Hambone ( a solution to arguing) and Nevezza ( about an entrepreneurial prostitute) that will keep you from pinning this songwriter/singer to any one genre or point of view. Musically, the CD is brought to life by Amys beautiful, versatile and expressive voice and the outstanding musicianship of the Small Town News band and a few cherished guests such as Artie Traum, Guy Davis, Frank Matheis, John Kirk and John Platania. Katy Taylor and Vickie Russell sing duets with Amy on songs they copenned with her. Tim Moore sings a duet with Amy on the classic Everly Brothers tune, Let It Be Me. The playing is subtle and glorious throughout the CD and Amanda Rothenberg and Vickie Russell add their stellar harmonies everywhere. Harmony lovers will appreciate the version of Phil Ochs Whats That I Hear? and the heart wrenching voices on Silver Wings. Upright bassist Mark Murphy adds his beautiful voice to the traditional flavor song Do

Remember Me.. And, as always, Ken McGloins tasteful acoustical guitar weaves its way through the CD and lends his unique musical perspective. This is a beautiful, mature and rich piece of work created over the last three years by a group of the Hudson Valley regions best. It is honest and refreshing, comical, moving and lush. It is for those listeners who appreciate a great voice, elegant harmonies, really good songwriting and fabulous musicianship.

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