

Mp3 Emily Strand - Delay In The Connection



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"Smart, confident, organic Pop." - Cincinnati CityBeat 10 MP3 Songs POP: Folky Pop, FOLK: like Joni

Details: Emily Strand is a songwriter/guitarist/vocalist "who specializes in smart, confident and organic Pop songs." (Cincinnati CityBeat) Strand, a Cincinnati native, plays regionally out of Dayton, OH, where she founded and hosts Girl/Solo/Live, a local and regional songwriter showcase for women in music.

Strand's dynamic and roots-rocking band, The Town -- made up of Cincinnati veterans Shawn Elsbernd, Scott Hacker, Ashley Shepherd and Whitney Barricklow -- won the top prize of "Tri-State's Best Unsigned Band" in modern rock radio station's 97X (now WOXY.com) "97Xposure" competition in 2003. Strand and The Town were also named as one of the Top Ten acts of 2004 in a year end critics' poll in CityBeat. In January 2005 Strand's song "Lou" took the prestigious Grand Prize in the Folk category in the 2004 John Lennon International Songwriting Competition. Strand's song was chosen out of thousands of entries from all around the world by an Executive Committee of judges featuring such noted performers as Elton John, Judy Collins, Foo Fighters and Bjrk among many others. "Lou" can be found on her second independent LP, Delay in the Connection, released in 2004. Delay in the Connection was recorded in Nashville with producer Eric Fritsch (Scott Miller, Upside Downside) and has garnered much critical acclaim. It was listed among Cincinnati CityBeat's hottest album picks for summer 2004, and was also named one of the top 10 local releases by both the Dayton Daily News and the Cincinnati Post. "[Delay in the Connection is] an elegant, soul-searching CD that features sensitive, versatile vocals and richly textured writing." The Cincinnati Post, July 2004 "It's Strand's exceptional gift for lyrics and a hook that sets her apart from the pack . the ability to make each line she writes a richly detailed, haunting snapshot of life as she knows it or imagines it to be." CityBeat, Cincinnati, May 2004 "Emily Strand jumps out from the sea of strummers and singers because of great song construction, a low tolerance for boredom and a voice that can go

anywhere she wants. Her debut album, Evansville, is terrific." Impact Weekly, Dayton, March 2003

Currently, Strand and the Town are recording a new album with Cincinnati producer Ashley Shepherd for release in late 2005. They continue to perform at clubs and festivals throughout the region. Updated tour schedules, show dates and more can be found at emilystrand.com.

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