Mp3 Johnnye Allee - Unless It Isn't



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An earthy blend of stripped-down story driven pop-folk/rock songs about love and loss (and punctuation) freshly brewed and served up steaming from the American roadhouse. Kinda John Hiatt meets Paul Simon at Lyle Lovetts house. 12 MP3 Songs FOLK: Folk Pop, ROCK: Roots Rock Details: 12 new songs about love and loss (and punctuation) from an ASCAP Sammy Cahn Award winner. Unless It Isn't is singer-songwriter Johnnye Allee's debut album. Combining a gentle and fluid voice with acoustic piano, acoustic and electric guitars, and drums, his music is an earthy blend of stripped-down, story driven pop folk/rock freshly brewed and served up steaming from the American roadhouse. His unconventional songs are at once wry, intimate, soulful, cinematic, and poignant. From the rootsy, ice-house feel of Everything Will Be All Right, to the mournful country-flavor of On the Kern County Line and Texas to Tuesday, all of the songs on this album have a personal musical style that is grounded in the traditions of the great singer-songwriters from the sixties and seventies. Im the Apostrophe and Fire is Yellow take on a heat-hazed swampy intensity with Torn adding a measure of ethereal ambience and Half on the Side of the Leaver lending gospel tinged raw-boned grit. Thats the Thing of It introduces an almost symphonic piano-based pop sound, while A Simple Transpicuous Philippic; or, You're Not Nice plays it folk-traditional in an homage to Paul Simons send up of Bob Dylan. Another New York Knockout, Hidden in the Crosshairs, and I Love You Like This display crisply poetic lyrics and haunting melodies, with a rich sense of harmony in the elegantly simple arrangements. Johnnye is a recipient of the ASCAP/Sammy Cahn Award for excellence in lyric writing (past winners include John Mayer, Josh Ritter and Lori McKenna) and a multi-faceted performer whose music and acting credits include appearances on stage at Arizona Theatre Company, Los Angeles Theatre Center, Pasadena Playhouse, The Wiltern Theatre, The Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, San Francisco War Memorial Opera House, Houston Grand Opera, and the Mark

Taper Forum, among others. He has also performed for audiences in Europe and Russia, though, thankfully, he says, in his native English. TV and Film appearances include Grease 2, Always Say Goodbye, Phoenix, Shattered Vows, Candid Camera, Nowhere Fast, and Hope and Gloria. Johnnye is also an award winning author and composer of musical plays, including The Boy Who Could Make Himself Disappear and Poets Garden (which won the Backstage West Garland Award for Best Musical Score). His songs have been performed in clubs, theatres and on national TV. Unless It Isnt makes a great addition to your collection if youre a fan of Lyle Lovett, John Hiatt, Paul Simon, fellow ASCAP Sammy Cahn Award winners Josh Ritter and John Mayer, Five For Fighting, Damien Rice, Jimmy Lafave, James Blunt, Elliot Smith, Ray Lamontagne, Dave Matthews, Alexi Murdoch, Chris Whitley, Marc Cohn, Rufus Wainwright, Charlie Sexton

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