## Mp3 Marian Bradfield - The Emperor's Field



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Often described as one of Ireland's hidden treasures 11 MP3 Songs in this album (42:02)! Related styles: EASY LISTENING: Ballads, FOLK: Irish Contemporary Details: Marian Bradfield She's often referred to as "one of Ireland's hidden treasures," and it is easy to understand why after listening to any of Marian Bradfield's CDs. Based in Donegal, Ireland, Bradfield brings with her an impressive catalogue of songs written based on her own life experiences. Marian has appeared on several "Celtic Women "and "Celtic Tales" compilation CDs alongside artists such as Loreena McKennitt, Marie Brennan (Clannad), Hazel O'Connor, Francis Black, Rita Connolly, Mairead Ni Dhomhnaill, Dolores Keane, and Katy Moffatt. Along the way Bradfield has attracted numerous rave reviews for her work and has been voted by readers of Hot Press as one of Ireland's top ten female singers. She was also voted one of Ireland's best solo performers by a panel of renowned Irish music critics. Marian's first solo CD, "Marian," received immediate critical praise from the media including Pat Kenny of the RTE. Jackie Hayden of Hot Press was quick to note, "She pours her heart and rich palette of emotions over a debut album of thirteen self-penned tracks--the quality of which most major artists would sacrifice their lawyers for." Next up for Marian was her CD, "Tonight is Just for Us." This Bradfield offering was nominated for one of Ireland's prestigious I.R.M. awards Chance friendships formed while on tour and during concert performances saw the likes of Finbar Furey, Martin O'Connor and Jimmy Faulkner offering to perform on Marian's next CD release, "The Emperor's Fields." It too, played to rave reviews. With her ever-growing popularity in Europe it was decided to record and release an in-concert live CD captured during one of her tours of Holland. Entitled "Marian Bradfield Live," the CD had one radio DJ exclaiming, "An album that draws you into the very powerful intimate world of her live performance and leaves you breathless!" Marian's current CD "Secret Life of a Woman" has become a music critics favorite. Once again, attracting new followers to

her music. Marian's list of media appearances reads like a Who's Who of the Irish radio and TV scene. She has shared stages at home and abroad with the likes of Altan, Maire Brennan (Clannad). The Fureys, Liam O'Flynn, Mary Black, Kieran Goss, Aslan, Donal Lunny, Paddy Glacken, Andy Irvine, Jimmy McCarthy and the Chieftains. Recently, Marian did a mini-tour through Chicago (USA) receiving standing ovations at each stop. She also performed live on Chicago's powerhouse radio station WGN. Host Dean Richards (Tribune Company entertainment critic) put it simply....."She's terrific!" While in Chicago, Marian also stopped by Public Radio's "Folk Festival" show where again she performed live and spent the better part of an hour chatting with show host George Brown. According to George, "Marian is one of the best Ireland has to offer. It was an honor to have her on my show." What's up next for Marian Bradfield?....... Shows at home and abroad, more recording (word has it some sides were recorded during her last stop in Chicago with some of her favorite American musicians on board for the sessions) and most importantly, writing those wonderful songs as only Marian can. Qutoes: Marian Bradfield has a beautiful voice. Lots of talented women have lovely voices. What separates Marian from the field is the depth of her understanding of the music and an unerring ability to get to the heart of a song. She is among the very best. Wonderful.....Bill Margesson-Irish American News, Host-Blarney on the Air radio show Public Radio, Chicago- Irish Music Magazine Lilli Kuzma---Host Folk Festival Show WDCB radio Chicago, IL ---USA, Contribution entertainment writer Pioneer Press, Chicago, IL ---USA "Seeing Marian live is the way to experience and understand her music. She is so emotive, so sincere, just bares her soul to the audience. Not every singer-songwriter can do that, or only does it here and there, like sprinkling bits of truth for you to collect. Marian writes from her life experiences, good and bad, admits to bad thoughts and feelings, but then gushes about the wonders of life, from a field of flowers to the beauty of her children while they sleep."

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