

Mp3 Katie Marie - Share My Air



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Smokey Robinson #1 song, One Heartbeat at a Time. The first song on the CD, which the album was named after (Reach For Me) received a great amount of support and airplay in many parts of Michigan. For the majority of the summer of 2005 after her fourth year in college, Katie rehearsed songs from her album along with a few cover songs and performed with a band at a local coffee shop. A week later Katie performed at the Marquette, MI seafood festival, where she found out that the song Reach For Me had become the second most requested song of the year on the Marquette radio station 107.7 WMQT. Katie returned to college for a fifth year in the fall of 2005. While she was away at school, Katies dad contacted current CBS recording artist PJ Olsson in hopes that PJ would meet with Katie to discuss her musical ambitions. In 2007 Olsson was nominated for a best surround sound record grammy and received a Mix Magazine award for best surround sound record. In March of 2006 Katie and PJ met and decided to work on writing and recording a few songs over the summer. After graduating from Central Michigan University with a double major in health/fitness and dietetics, Katie returned home for the summer excited to work with PJ and fulfill her ambitions of writing and recording more original songs. Katie and PJ began what was supposed to be a few songs and eventually turned those few songs into an entire ten-song second album. The songs on this album demonstrate a mixture of musical versatility. They exhibit a combination of todays soulful R&B and pop feel while at the same time incorporating harmonies and instrumentation that is representative of the 1970s. I think music will always be a part of my life. Katie says, I would love to stay as involved as possible and hopefully more opportunities will turn up in the future. Katie graduated from Central Michigan in 2006 and completed her dietetic internship in New York City in June 2007, which was her final educational step in the process of becoming a registered dietitian. Tags: pop

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