

Mp3 Holly Arntzen - It's A Matter Of Heart



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Mixture of blues, rock and folk focusing on environment and social justice (no choirs) 11 MP3 Songs

FOLK: Folk-Rock, BLUES: Folk-Blues Details: Produced between 1994 and 1996, this release features Holly with David Sinclair on guitar, and other well known Vancouver musicians including guitarist Stephen Nikleva, bassist Tom Christiansen and harmonica player Keith Bennett. The title track was composed by Stan Rogers. The album addresses the issues of environment and social justice. It was produced by Tom Newman, the co-producer of "Tubular Bells I II" (Mike Oldfield), and Bill Buckingham (Skywalk).

Canadian musician and songwriter, Holly Arntzen, discovered at an early age a passion for music and performing. After studying classical French horn in Czechoslovakia she turned her attention to using her incredible vocal talents in the service of raising public awareness about the environment and the need for all of us to protect it. At about age seven, Holly experienced her first trauma with wildlife when a hapless black bear was shot behind the family homestead in North Vancouver. A sad day it was. There have been many sad days since. So many species are now endangered. Since that day she has been passionate about saving our environment and, in particular, endangered species. Holly comes from pioneering stock and a sea-faring family, always ready to tackle issues that seem insurmountable to others. Surviving as an environmental singer for over 25 years has given Holly an appreciation of these earlier life-styles. Fortunately she developed an approach to issues that is non-confrontational, focusing on education, rather than attacking the status-quo in offensive ways. Holly might be thought of as a modern day explorer. Working in collaboration, for many years with her late husband and producer Stephen Foster, and today with a group of talented musicians, she creates songs of innocence that carry a much deeper relevance. She is always ready to tilt at a windmill if it will lead to deeper understanding of the important environmental issues that confront us in our daily lives. Holly has shared the stage with Stan Rogers,

Herbie Hancock, Dan Hill, Paul Horn, Bruce Cockburn, Sarah McLachlan, Paul Hyde, Doug Bennett, David Sinclair, Fred Penner, The Arrogant Worms, Raffi and many others. Since the 1980s Holly has performed at major folk and childrens festivals across Canada, done concert tours in most provinces, and taken part in many radio and television productions. In 1995 she was the only Canadian artist in Japan to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, where she ended up singing for the Japanese Royal Family. More recently she has collaborated, through the Artist Response Team (ART), in developing in-school programs throughout Canada, working with thousands of children to help them learn songs about ecological issues, sing them in concerts and record them for CDs and Radio Shows. ART has now produced major educational resources in the form of teachers handbooks that contain music, art, and materials to help schools continue this important work. Holly is committed to share her passion for the natural world so that what she loves will be loved by others. She is living proof that education can make a difference; the students she works with learn incredible amounts about the natural world, and are prepared to make sound decisions about the environment in ways that will affect their world positively all of their lives. What a great contribution to Canadian culture and the world at large! People who are interested in should consider this download.

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