

Mp3 Victoria Parks - Wild English Rose



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Neo-traditional, Anglo-Celtic song and ballads in keeping with bardic and pagan traditions 13 MP3 Songs

FOLK: Traditional Folk, FOLK: like Joni Details: Victoria Parks is a seasoned performing songwriter, specializing in acoustic Anglo-Celtic, neo-traditional, humorous, and contemporary ballads. Her soaring voice ranges from deep and rich to lilting and ethereal. Her powerful, timeless lyrics cross cultures and history. She has a special affinity with folklore and historical subjects and has been writing and performing folk music for the last 30 years. Her writing is very much in keeping with bardic tradition. She will often demonstrate her love of writing in 3/4 and 6/8 time signatures. She is acclaimed for her debut CD *Sure Feels Like Home*. Her new CD *Wild English Rose* is a collection of mostly original songs that combine traditional folk stylings with Anglo-Celtic and Pagan traditions. They include songs "spindled with faery dust, flowers, mystery and storytelling." Last year she was a finalist in the 2002 South Florida Folk Festival. In the Spring of 2003, she received Honorable Mention for both of her submissions to the 2002 Madison Songwriter's Group Song Contest in Madison, Wisconsin, one of several songwriting contests in which she has been recognized. Her latest release *Wild English Rose* landed in Editor's Choice Top Five for 2003 in *FolkWorld*, one of the UK's leading folk music publications. Review Quotes: "Victoria is a master storyteller and songwriter with a beautiful, powerful voice. On "*Wild English Rose*," half of the album is devoted to exploring her family's rich Celtic history in songs that are as vivid, valid and gripping as any material you will find on the immigrant experience. The other half of the album is also traditionally based, with some of the songs revolving around ancient celebrations, such as winter solstice, Samhain (Halloween), and Beltaine (May Day). This is a voice that deserves to be heard!"-Fred Dolan, host, Visiting the Folks, WUJC-FM, Cleveland, Ohio "Victoria is renowned as a storyteller among those who know her music well, and this album is clearly the work of an experienced and comfortable yarn-spinner,

with fascinating tales and beguiling turns of phrase. The musicality of Wild English Rose is what impresses me most. The vocals are lovely--powerful and controlled with a maturity that hardships of recent years have brought to bear on the artist. The instrumentation is lush without being in any way overproduced. Move over, Loreena McKennitt!"-Khrysso Heart LeFey, Professor of Liturgical Music Pagan Institute, Inc. Minneapolis, MN in "Every Muse News Reviews"

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