

Mp3 Rosemary Phelan - Wake The Nightingale



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Songs for Solace and Sleep 10 MP3 Songs in this album (32:21) ! Related styles: FOLK: Appalachian Folk, FOLK: Gentle People who are interested in Emmylou Harris Eliza Gilkyson should consider this download. Details: WAKE THE NIGHTINGALE musicians: Rosemary Phelan Jason LaPrade David Matheson Tannis Slimmon Katherine Wheatley "Wake the Nightingale" is serene, though not a traditional lullaby album. There are a few Appalachian tunes, some originals, two Irish songs and one in Swahili, a spoken word piece nested in a background of Cherokee chant, and a couple of instrumentals. The instruments used are guitar, piano, mountain dulcimer, dobro, celtic harp, shruti box, glockenspiel, sand drum, and lots of vocal harmonies. Unlike most CDs, it starts (somewhat) full and grows quieter as it goes along... this was done with the intention of helping the listener feel progressively more peaceful (and perhaps even fall asleep.) It's suitable for any age. Unfortunately, the ghost track (a celtic harp/waterfall/sand drum instrumental and one of my favourites) is not available digitally for technical reasons (which I somewhat understand but cannot adequately explain!) I speak for all involved when I say this album was made with a lot of love, and the intent to soothe and comfort. We hope it will do just that. My best to everyone Rosemary PS The album artwork and liner notes are available on my main website: rosemaryphelan.net ROSEMARY PHELAN BIO "...a beacon..."(Steve Clarke, Acoustic Planet) "... like love at first sight..." Roger Wise, Restless Mornings "... an incisive lyricist... songs that deserve a close listen." David Francey "... ah, this is nice on the soul..." Indiecan Radio "...let her gorgeous voice wash over you..." Sing Out! magazine "...full of heart and soul." Mark Michaelis, Acoustic Harmony (USA) "... understated, yet powerful..." Steve Clark, Acoustic Planet "... the performances cut to the bone..." Bill Garrett, Borealis Records WINNER - SONG OF THE YEAR, 2008 PORCUPINE AWARDS Rosemary Phelan has run the gamut from calling square dances in the hills

of northern Vermont to singing Mozart in the halls of the Royal Conservatory. Somewhere between the barn and the recital hall she found the music of her heart. The grace and losses encountered during a tumultuous, nomadic childhood, time spent eking out a hard-won living in the bush, and her years as a community nurse in the urban core live in Rosemary's songs. She sincerely hopes the goodness she found at the root of it all can be found there, too. In addition to writing and performing, Rosemary facilitates a unique songwriting workshop series, "right|:|left WRITE", in Toronto. She also offers seminars on the use of live music with individuals who are very ill or dying, a practice which is especially close to her heart. Rosemary's work in this area will be featured in a CBC documentary scheduled to air in 2009. Since easing into the local music scene less than four years ago, Rosemary has had the privilege of writing the soundtrack for the successful play "Chemo Brain", which continues to tour in the U.S. She's shared stages with some of the finest roots musicians in Canada, released two full-length albums, won the 2008 "Song of the Year" Porcupine Award for her song "Hummingbird", and sung backing vocals on several fantastic albums. In April 2009 an instrumental version of Rosemary's song "Firefly," arranged by Jason LaPrade, was chosen by the Toronto Transit Commission as the soundtrack for a video memorial (please see the "news" page here for more on that). Rosemary continues to perform regularly with super-talented multi-instrumentalist Jason LaPrade, and as a backing vocalist for fellow artists. Spurred on by the well-intentioned prodding of friends, Rosemary is currently mining the winding tracts of her life for a book of stories and songs, "A Fire of Roses." She'd like to mention that she wakes up and falls asleep counting her blessings, yet has never made it all the way to the end of the list. She wishes the same for you, with all her heart. * * * * *

DISCOGRAPHY * * * * *

2008 WAKE THE NIGHTINGALE: songs for solace and sleep w/ Jason LaPrade, David Matheson, Tannis Slimmon, Katherine Wheatley

2007 AVALANCHE LILY w/ Jason LaPrade, Dave Clarke, Chris Coole, Suzie Vinnick, David Woodhead, Adam Warner, Tessa Lewis

* WINNER, 2008 Porcupine Song of the Year, for "Hummingbird"

* 2006 ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK for CHEMO BRAIN! w/ Jason LaPrade, Dave Clarke, Rick Speyer, Eve Goldberg, Mark Boucher, Gibb Rashid

2004 STARS AND STONES w/ Don Ross, Sahra Featherstone

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