

Mp3 Jenee Halstead - The River Grace



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Atmospheric, edgy, and beautiful. 10 MP3 Songs FOLK: Alternative Folk, COUNTRY: Americana Show all album songs: The River Grace Songs Details: Jenee Halstead comes to music naturally. "She started singing before she could talk," says Kathy Halstead of the baby girl. "Things haven't changed since" she adds. Jenee's deep love of music and her influences started with her fathers record collection. "I don't know anyone other than myself that was awoken at 8 am on a Saturday to Led Zeppelin or Jimi Hendrix," laughs Halstead, "it was actually quite painful at times." The vast array of folk, blues, rock n' roll, and country obviously had a major effect on her development as a singer/songwriter. In her music you can hear piedmont style blues guitar, beautiful open tunings, fingerpicking, and a voice that melds all the influences into one. "I definitely took the education my father gave me naturally and expanded on it," states Halstead, "but I wanted to go deeper, know more about the history of the music and how it originated. What I found was a history of blues and bluegrass that blew my mind. I also realized that I related more to the haunting sounds and melodies of the Depression Era music than anything. Now I seek out musicians that draw from that well. It is powerful and delicate at the same time. This is the way I want my songs to come across." Matt Smith, Manager of Club Passim in Cambridge, Massachusettes, put it simply, Jenee Halstead has that rare ability to write songs that sound fresh and new, as well as familiar and timeless.

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