

Rachelle Van Zanten



Photo: Wendy Perry

"After 11 years in the trenches with her previous incarnation, "Painting Daisies", Canadian slide guitarist Rachelle van Zanten is done with bands. In 2006 she released her first solo album, "Back to Francois", which is packed with funky blues riffs and stellar slide performances. The surprise is that van Zanten juxtaposes her gutsy guitar playing with very personal and introspective lyrics- a stylistic trait she attributes to her diverse influences" (Guitar Player Magazine U.S.- Oct. 2006).

Rachelle has come a long way from her bluegrass upbringing in the foothills of northern British Columbia. She just completed a new recording entitled "Where Your Garden Grows", a rock album, Produced Joby Baker (Cowboy Junkies, Alex Cuba, The Weakerthans, Mae Moore) and mixed by world-renowned sound Engineer, Tchad Blake (Sheryl Crow, Paul Simon, Tom Waits, Richard Thompson, Los Lobos, Pearl Jam). Rachelle is a unique and eclectic Americana singer-songwriter much in the style of Lucinda Williams. Rachelle's recent tour schedule took her through Canada, the United Kingdom, Germany, Holland, Belgium, France, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, India and Nepal. Rachelle is also the producer and director for Western Canada's Rocker Girl Camp, a motivational camp for young girls age 10-16.

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