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original acoustic & femo rock

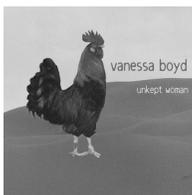


vanessa : hailing from texas but recently finding a home in the appalachian mountains in east tennessee (and all the bayous in between), vanessa uses a fine-tuned sense of music combined with acute, intimate lyrics to form the elusive creature, a song : she is devoted to live performance and is at home in clubs, bars, coffee shops, festivals, and busking the sidewalks of cities : vanessa has also appeared in the new orleans' musical-theatre productions of *celtic christmas* and *stand by your man: a look at women in country music*

her music : a classically trained vocalist, vanessa went through several instruments before teaching herself guitar and using it as the vehicle through which she now writes : as a songwriter, she doesn't sacrifice music for message, both are inherent : her songs employ simple melodies, but the music is also meant to be raw to a degree

vanessa's songs are a subjective but honest look at the world and her experiences traveling and living across it : she has been a guest at the local studios of WETS, WNCW & WUTK, and her music has received airplay on many others

vanessa performs either as a duo, with a percussionist; or with her new band, the yes men : the yes men include electric bass, guitar, and percussion



her album : *unkept woman*, vanessa's newly released full-length album, is a chronicle of a woman exploring her relation to culture, adventure, family, romance and independence : written mostly while living in morocco, it consists of 14 songs, 12 original

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"Lyrically, Boyd shows **an independent spirit** that is refreshing to me in this genre. **She is not the typical female singer-songwriter...**"

-Christy Smith, *Johnson City Press*, Johnson City, TN

"Long-known in the East Tennessee region as a Celtic diva with **wit, grit, and a hint of twang...**"

-Laura Blackley, *Asheville Citizen-Times, Take 5*, Asheville, NC

..."*unkept woman*, shows off Boyd's unique, slightly edgy voice (one that, in some weird way, recalls 4 Non-Blondes lead singer Linda Perry). Boyd's music, however, is miles removed from the rocky pop of the Blondes: She evokes her own **purier rock formula** on the path of the introspective songwriter. "

- Stuart Gaines, *Mountain Xpress*, Asheville, NC

"Boyd is **not afraid to experiment** with different sounds..."

-Brenda Lee Kozuch, *OffBeat Music Magazine*, New Orleans, LA

"She manages to sound both beyond her years and also very at home in her youth throughout the CD."

-Steve Allat, *Muse's Muse*, ezine

"Boyd's latest, an equally **assertive and irreverent** mix of country twang, blues, and Celtic, is the sort of under the radar screen music making that again reinforces the purity of independent musicians and labels."

-James Cassara, *Rapid River Magazine*, Asheville, NC

"**She is a local favorite.**"

-Doug Janz, *Johnson City Press*, Johnson City, TN

"What she's traded off for is an increasingly visible singer-songwriter career that's taken her up and down the Appalachians of Tennessee."

-Steve Wildsmith, *The Daily Times*, Maryville, TN

"Zeppelin fans should love Boyd's version of 'Rock and Roll'. ... a **chunky, rhythmic acoustic romp with soulful breakdowns** ...Vanessa Boyd's singing and acoustic work borrow heavily from Ladies of the Canyon era Joni as well as a touch of Emmylou. ... **Her lyrics do not wallow in unsolvable riddles but instead remain direct and clear. *Unkept Woman* is a strong statement from a compelling performer.**"

- Dale Allen Hoffman, *the indie*, Asheville, NC

[Feature interview in the Go Tri Cities entertainment section]

-Leigh Anne Laube, *Kingsport Times News*, Kingsport, TN

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performance history :

(abingdon, va)

caroline's*
java j's stonemill

(asheville, nc)

bearly edible
café soleil (chocolate fest/benefit)
the grey area
the grey eagle traveling bonfires*
indigenous tea house & juice bar
karmasonic's music & video
malaprop's bookstore & café*
prichard park traveling bonfires*
relaxed reader*
sweet heaven*

(black mountain, nc)

town pump

(brevard, nc)

quotations coffee café

(bristol, tn)

ireson's pub*
family race day
java j's espresso bar
o'mainnin's pub*
rhythm & roots reunion festival
state line bar & grill (downstairs)
state line bar & grill (upstairs)
the vinyard

(bryson city, nc)

across the tracks

(cosby, tn)

cosby ramp festival

(damascus, va)

damascus old mill* (trail days)
baja café

(del rio, tn)

hotoberfest*

(galveston, tx)

galveston opera house

(greene co., tn)

cutshaw nation festival
greene valley benefit
running deer music fest
hemingway's

(hendersonville, nc)

black bear coffee

(hickory, nc)

drips coffee house

(hot springs, nc)

paddler's pub*
bridge street café

(johnson city, tn)

acoustic coffeehouse*
down home*
eve's pub*
halo's
potter's pub
salvation army (walnut st.)

(jonesboro, tn)

music on the square
hemp awareness festival (ETSU)

(kingsport, tn)

woodstone bar & grill

(knoxville, tn)

back room patio, patrick sullivan's
europa café*
preservation pub*
time warp tea room

(maryville, tn)

brackin's bar* (foothills fall fest)
southland books

(morristown, tn)

java garden*
the downtown*

(new orleans, la)

apple barrel*
carrollton station
contemporary arts center
country club*
d.b.a.
fairgrinds coffee*
howlin' wolf
kerry irish pub*
la music factory*
mother-in-law lounge
neutral ground*
o'flaherty's irish channel pub*
rock 'n bowl

(sylva, nc)

soul infusion tea house

(terlingua, tx)

starlight theatre
terlingua springs market

(weaverville, nc)

blue mountain pizza café*
well bred bakery & café*

(wise, va)

bonterra food & art café*

* played venue more than once