



MARK PERRY

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11TH ALBUM RELEASE TOUR FOR NORTHERN CANADIAN SONGWRITER

Born and raised in Smithers, BC, this singer-songwriter is quintessentially Canadian. Mark Perry has slapped a lot of hockey pucks at 5am, out-pedaled black bears on his mountain bike and worked on trains for the Canadian railroad. He crafts alluring songs written mostly about the people, places and things in his beloved northwest region which give insight into this lesser-known & somewhat exotic part of the country. From playing hockey on frozen lakes and cheering on baseball at the local reserve to grieving the sinking of a BC passenger ferry, Mark Perry's warm guitar playing and rich vocals will open you up and coax you out on a thoughtful roadtrip through his love for the landscapes and people of Canada's northwest.

As reviewed by The Province, Mark Perry is "one of our finest... In a world of so much artifice, he's one of the real things..". By the Terrace Concert Society, his performance is "a 'must-see' and a 'must-see again'."

Mark's new new album, *Right Here* (2018), was recorded in Whitehorse and Smithers with Jordy Walker (*Old Cabin, Jordy Walker Music*) and a circle of exquisitely-talented musicians including Tobin Frank (*Spirit of the West*), Rachele van Zanten (*RVZ*), Ian Olmstead (*Alex Cuba band*), Mark Thibeault (*Rayco Resophonics*) and others. This is Mark's 11th album since he started recording and performing two decades ago. In between driving trains and raising a family, Mark has made impressive forays into the performing world — touring with Connie Kaldor, sharing stages with Alex Cuba, and recording with Roy Forbes (BIM), Shari Ulrich, Steve Dawson and others. With his new album, *Right Here*, Mark is fueled up and touring again with full force.

Mark Perry released his first album, *Dreams of the Highway*, in 1990 with his West Coast hero Roy Forbes (Bim). He was then invited to tour with Canadian folk legend Connie Kaldor and has continued to produce successful albums ever since - 11 in total.

He loves performing and has a fun knack for building instant rapport with his audience. Through his airplay on national CBC radio and his performances at festivals and theatres throughout Western Canada, Mark has developed a large following of beloved fans, ranging in age from 25-75 with a large contingent of baby boomers. People connect with the universality of his lyrics and relish his infamous northern BC flavoured stories.

Mark Perry will be performing throughout BC, Alberta and the Yukon in 2018 / 2019.

WHAT OTHERS SAY...

"Mark writes the kinds of songs other writers wish they had written."

~Shari Ulrich, *Canadian musician*

"Mark Perry had our audience captivated through the entire show. His heart shines through in his voice and his songs. Weeks afterwards people are still coming to me saying how much they loved it. Mark Perry's performance is a 'must-see' and a 'must-see again'."

~Bruce Champion, *Terrace Concert Society*

"The soundtrack for my life is taken from Mark Perry's music. His song-writing, musical expression and stage presence emanates the very best, most magical qualities of life in a northern town. Perry's music invites me in to sit by his fire and feel like a cherished neighbour for a while."

~Carolina DeRyk, *Host, CBC Radio*

"This singer/songwriter from Smithers is one of our finest, a guy whose songs are full of the telling little joys, frustrations and messy minutiae of real life. In a world of so much artifice, he's one of the real things."

~J.P.M., *The Province newspaper, Vancouver, BC*