



MARK PERRY

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11TH ALBUM RELEASE TOUR FOR NORTHERN CANADIAN SONGWRITER

Born and raised in Canada's northwest, Mark Perry is quintessentially Canadian. From celebrating the triumphs of playing hockey on frozen lakes to the exaltation of the spring thaw when rivers rise, mountain bluebirds return and you're finally pedaling your bike or paddling your canoe, reconnecting to what matters... to pondering the tougher stories of our past and present — the legacy of Japanese internment camps, the sinking of a passenger ferry in the middle of the night, or the First Nations people who go missing from our communities... Mark Perry's music and stories take you on a road trip through his love for rural Canada — the strengths, the struggles and the seasons. He's a natural storyteller, he invites you into his heart, and he can make a 500-seat theatre feel like his living room.

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 working on 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 fired 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 as of 2018.

He casts a spell with his concerts and has a knack for opening his heart and connecting with his audience. Through his airplay on national CBC radio and his performances at festivals and theatres throughout Western Canada, Mark has developed a good following of beloved fans, ranging in age from 25-75 including a large contingent of baby boomers like himself. People connect with the universality of his lyrics and relish his infamous rural Canadian stories.

WHAT OTHERS SAY...

"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, Vancouver, BC*

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

~ Shari Ulrich

"Mark Perry had our audience captivated through the entire show. His heart shines through in his voice and his songs. Mark Perry's performance is a 'must-see' and a 'must-see again'."

~ Bruce Champion, *Terrace Concert Society*

"Mark Perry is to the Northwest what Gord Downie was to Canada - he captures our hearts by telling our stories in a way no one else does. His humility and humour join with an artist's heart as he writes about the way we see ourselves."

~ Nathan Cullen, *MP Skeena-Bulkley Valley*

"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.... 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*

"Offers a real slice of life, sans saccharin. I recommend it."

~ Rogue Folk Reviews, *Vancouver, BC*

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