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NORTHERN CANADIAN SINGER-SONGWRITER • BIO

Mark Perry is a singer-songwriter from northern BC who's just released his 11th album, *Right Here*. After 20 years of being fairly BC-bound, he's touring again with full force, accompanied by Tobin Frank (*Spirit of the West*), Ian Olmstead (*Alex Cuba* band), Mark Thibeault (*Hungry Hill*) and others.

Mark recorded his 1st album in 1990 with his west coast hero Roy Forbes (*Bim*), went on to open shows for Canadian folk legend Connie Kaldor on her Western Canada tour, play Vancouver and Vancouver Island venues and festivals, lead songwriter workshops at conferences like *Bluebird North*, and produce 10 more albums — the most recent in 2018, recorded in Whitehorse and Smithers with Jordy Walker (*Old Cabin, Jordy Walker Music*).

As a kid growing up in the 70s in small town Smithers, BC, Mark got his start when he tuned in to the scratchy, hard to pick up, late night radio waves coming from Vancouver and heard *CCR*, the *Rolling Stones*, *Eric Burdon* and *Gordon Lightfoot*. He traded an old lawnmower for what he calls an "electric(ish) guitar" and into the neighbour's basement he went - guitar in hand, trying to play that music. He earned his calluses, learned to survive playing 6-nighters with his road band, and started to write and craft alluring songs. In between raising a family and working for the Canadian railroad, Mark continued to perform to a growing fan base and record great songs, written mostly about the people, landscapes and history of rural Canada.

These days, Mark is writing and performing more than ever as well as running a small horse farm with his wife Jane in a beautiful mountain valley outside Smithers BC. With his new album release, Mark and bandmates are fired up to tour Canada and beyond.

WHAT OTHERS SAY...

"Mark writes the kinds of songs other writers wish they had written." ~ *Shari Ulrich*

"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*

"Mark was a highlight for festival goers and had the crowd up on their feet dancing away."
~ *David McTavish - Artistic Director, Midsummer Music Festival*

"The soundtrack for my life is taken from Mark Perry's music. His songwriting, 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*

"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*

"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*

"Offers a real slice of life, sans saccharin. I recommend it."
~ *Steve Edge, Rogue Folk Reviews, Vancouver, BC*