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# MARK PERRY

*Music Genre: Contemporary Folk/Roots/Singer-Songwriter  
Instruments: Guitar, Pedal Steel, Accordion, Violin*

## 11<sup>TH</sup> ALBUM RELEASE TOUR FOR NORTHERN CANADIAN SONGWRITER

### A MARK PERRY CONCERT IS LIKE A ROADTRIP THROUGH THE CANADIAN HEART...

Mark Perry is a seasoned performer who's just released his 11<sup>th</sup> album. After 20 years of being fairly BC-bound, he's finally busting out of his region and 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's music & stories take you on a journey through his heart & his love for rural Canada — from the triumphs of playing hockey on frozen lakes, to the excitement of a spring thaw when rivers rise, bluebirds return & you're finally pedaling your bike again... to the tougher stories of our collective past & present: the legacy of our Japanese internment camps, the tragedy of a sinking passenger ferry in the middle of the night, or the dilemma of First Nations people who go missing from our communities. His songwriting is inspired by Northwest BC where he lives but his emotional storylines apply everywhere, forging a link between communities from coast to coast. He's got a masterful way of connecting with people & makes every audience feel like they're in his living room (which, more often than not, turns into a happy dance floor).

### RECORDING & PERFORMING

Mark recorded his 1<sup>st</sup> 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, & produced 11 successful albums — the most recent, *Right Here*, in 2018 recorded in Whitehorse with Jordy Walker (*Old Cabin, Jordy Walker Music*).

### QUOTES

**"New Jersey has Springsteen, New York has Billy Joel, northern B.C. has Mark Perry."** ~ Frank Peebles / Prince George Citizen

**"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 & had the crowd up on their feet dancing away."** ~ Dave McTavish - Director, Midsummer Music Festival.

**"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*

**"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'."**

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**"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*



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## B.C.'s beauty inspires Mark Perry's 11th album, Right Here

'I'd love to one day be as famous as he is in Smithers,' says Juno-winning Alex Cuba of hometown music hero

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Mark Perry hosting his annual 'Songwriter's Night' at the Driftwood Schoolhouse in Smithers, B.C. (Mark Perry)



03/09/2018 • Terrace BC, McColl Playhouse  
 03/10/2018 • Smithers BC, Della Herman Theatre  
 03/16/2018 • Houston BC, Pleasant Valley Theatre  
 04/21/2018 • Burns Lake BC, Jean Paulson Lodge  
 04/27/2018 • Kitimat BC, Hirsch Creek Club  
 04/28/2018 • Prince Rupert BC, Javadotcup Stage  
 04/29/2018 • Hazelton, BC, The Hazelbranch  
 06/30/2018 • Smithers BC, Midsummer Festival  
 07/26/2018 • Port Edward BC, Cassiar Cannery  
 07/27/2018 • Kispiox BC, Kispiox Valley Festival  
 08/01/2018 • Victoria BC, (TBA)  
 08/05/2018 • Comox BC, Filberg Festival  
 08/10/2018 • Haida Gwaii BC, Edge of the World Festival

08/25/2018 • Bulkley Valley BC, BV Fair & Exhibition  
 09/21/2018 • Quesnel BC, The Occidental  
 09/22/2018 • Prince George BC, Art Space  
 09/29/2018 • Calgary Alta, The Nick

***MORE CONCERT DATES TBA...***

**Mark Perry is touring now.  
 CALL for inquiries, interviews or bookings.**

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