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# Carrie Catherine celebrates two new releases

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## Nashville Album Wilderness and Baby Eliot

Carrie Catherine is a prairie chanteuse and award-winning singer/songwriter born and raised in Saskatchewan. One frosty February a couple of years ago, Catherine packed up her guitar and traveled 1700 miles south to Tennessee to explore the culture of the southern music she adored. She never imagined that this journey would lead to her recording her fourth album in Nashville with producer and blues great Colin Linden and Emmylou Harris's rhythm section. In the tradition of Emmylou Harris, Patty Griffin, and Norah Jones, Catherine's Wilderness is a rootsy, sensual sounding album due for release and available on iTunes and at the Saskatoon album release party on Thursday May 26, 2011.

Catherine explains, "Wilderness is about the thrill and discomfort of moving beyond the known terrain of your own backyard and venturing into uncharted territory. While the recording of this album started with a trek far south of my backyard, the real trip into the 'wilderness' began after we finished recording, and I found out I was pregnant!" The album anticipates the theme of motherhood with a personal song "Rockabye" about a woman unable to have the baby she so desires, which was a struggle Catherine and her husband were facing at the time. With a happy resolution, Catherine is launching her new album on the "Baby on Board" tour. Not only will her own baby, Eliot, be on tour with her, Catherine will also use the shows to find sponsors for needy children through World Vision. As an added bonus, she is

partnering with local designers and crafters to create limited edition merchandise (including baby onesies) which will premiere at her Saskatoon concerts.

Music journalist Christa O'Keefe of SEE Magazine said "A confident entertainer, the tiny musician commands a stage like a cabaret figure, working the room from behind an enormous guitar like a prairie version of Eartha Kitt, with a voice that seems a cross between the stylings of '50s girl groups and vintage country chanteuses."

On the "Baby on Board" album release tour, Catherine will launch a highly imaginative live show, full of stories and surprises. The shows will feature percussionist Hal Schrenk (2011 SCMA All-Star Drummer), who entertains the audience with inventive instrumentation (including a guitar case, shovel, and even a hockey puck!) The Saskatchewan tour has begun and will be in Saskatoon on Thursday May 26th and Friday May 27th at 8pm at the Refinery each night. Tickets are available on Picatic. Catherine and her troupe will continue with touring throughout Western Canada in June, venturing to Ontario in October.

Carrie Catherine has earned local and national recognition including: 2011 Canada Reads Soundtrack Selection for 'Rockabye', 2010 YWCA Woman of Distinction Award (Arts & Culture), 2010 Lieutenant Governor Arts Award Nominee (Leadership),

and Winner at the prestigious Kerrville Folk Festival's songwriting competition. Her songs have been heard on TV's Joan of Arcadia, Beautiful People, and the Food Network. As an avid community builder, Carrie presents a vibrant house concert series in her home, a renovated grocery store in Saskatoon called The Hayloft, when she's not on the road. She nests in the Hayloft with husband, Curtis Olson, and baby, Eliot Olson. Together this family creates events, spaces and communities where the arts can flourish.

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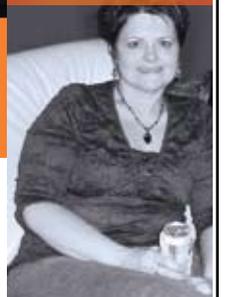
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