

**Annie Lou: Superb songwriting and hearty tunes with a unique old-time feel, delivered with pluck, groove and tenderness.**

Annie Lou's heart-moving, homegrown tunes are ringing out across the North American roots music stage, gathering audiences coast to coast and garnering Juno, CFMA, and Galaxie Rising Star nominations.

Built around Anne Louise Genest's original songwriting and drawing from old-time musical traditions, Annie Lou taps into the homey ruggedness and open skies of the Canadian landscape. Genest has the spirit of an old storyteller inside her, and the stringband sounds of fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin and upright bass blend with her rich vocals to trace a journey through days gone by to the present.

**“There is magic here: superior picking, excellent rhythm work, impressive and whimsical lyrics. Genest's lead vocal style echoes the McGarrigles and Sylvia Tyson, but she is irrefutably herself.” - Donald Teplyske, *Country Standard Time***

Genest's first outing as Annie Lou brought a 2010 Juno nomination, and her much anticipated sophomore release **“Grandma's Rules for Drinking”** delivers the same great energy, with an added elegant touch and subtle maturity. Nominated for two 2012 Canadian Folk Music Awards (Songwriter of the Year and Solo Artist of the Year), this fine album features some of Canada's outstanding acoustic musicians, including Andrew Collins (Creaking Tree String Quartet), John Showman (New Country Rehab), Kim Barlow, and Max Heineman (Foggy Hogtown Boys).

Beautifully crafted songs range from rousing and boisterous to gentle and poignant, and map a homescape of hard-drinking grandmas, rural dancehalls, blue collar fashions, and the deep snows and silences of a Canadian winter.

**This is original string band music, rooted in tradition, and a vibrant celebration of our culture and our times that moves the heart as well as the feet.**

Touring as Annie Lou in 2014/15:  
Anne Louise Genest – guitar, vocals, banjo  
Sarah Hamilton – fiddle, vocals  
Andrew Collins – mandolin, guitar, vocals  
Max Heineman – upright bass, vocals

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