

11TH ANNUAL HOUSTON WOMEN'S FESTIVAL

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PRESENTS



Saturday
September 24,
2005
Noon to 10 p.m.
at Jones Plaza
600 Louisiana 77002
Downtown in the Theater District

HEADLINERS

MELISSA FERRICK



Back by popular demand **Melissa Ferrick!** Put her on a stage, and watch how within minutes Melissa Ferrick earns a fresh new batch of hardcore fans. She does it simply by being herself: fierce and funny, outspoken and vulnerable, passionate and playful. Above all, Ferrick's keenly aware that a truly memorable concert will contain as many shifts of energy and spur-of-the-moment surprises as life itself. Ferrick has gained many fans in Texas over the years as well as many fans internationally. Please visit Ferrick at www.melissaferrick.com.

Rollingstone.com, while Billboard says Pike is "one of the finest up and coming contemporary rock singers in America." To learn more about Patrice Pike, visit www.patricepike.com.

Susan Gibson's shows are packed full of good songs. Hardly surprising when you consider that she wrote one of the top selling songs in country music history with The Dixie Chicks' 'Wide Open Spaces'. Gibson has recently released her second solo album titled "Outer Space,"



SUSAN GIBSON

on which she mixes her roots-rock sound with some of her edgiest work yet. Her first solo release, "Chin Up" in 2002, won her fans throughout North America and the United Kingdom. Gibson first established herself in the music business as a member of the Amarillo-based pop-rock band The Groobeers. Gibson is praised for "wrapping feisty lyrics around her unmistakable voice - which is rich, deep and sincere." Craig Shelburne, CMT.com. Please visit Gibson's site at www.susangibson.com.



PATRICE PIKE

Patrice Pike is a Texas artist who has reached musical heights that few attain. With the band Sister Seven, she had a top-ten single and a top-twenty single, released albums on a major label and toured internationally. Pike is an award-winning songwriter who has shared the stage with some of the biggest names in music including Dave Matthews, Sarah McLachlan, Natalie Merchant and the late great Ray Charles. "She's Tina Turner, Bessie Smith, Janis Joplin and Robert Plant all rolled up into a tiny but explosive package," raves

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TAMARAS

This year the festival will be featuring an artist who is making her Houston debut. Please join us in welcoming **Tamaras**. Tamaras is a songwriter, vocalist and guitarist who has sustained an incessant touring schedule over the last five years. From her early albums of art rock to her latest cocktail of grunge, funk and jazz, Tamaras' music is always taking her and her listeners into exciting territory. Tamaras' music is an ever-evolving work of art influenced largely by her intimate interaction through touring the last five years. As a result, Tamaras' music, coupled with her passion for social change, has cultivated a dedicated following nationally and abroad. Experience Tamaras' music yourself at www.tamarasrocks.com.



NATALIA ZUCKERMAN

Widely acclaimed as much for being an awesome guitarist as she is for the intimacies of her songwriting and the slinky sultriness of her voice, **Natalia Zuckerman** was an award-winning finalist in this year's Songwriting Competition at the Rocky Mountain Folk Festival in Lyons, Colorado. Please visit Natalia Zuckerman at www.nataliazuckerman.com.

MICHELLE MAYFIELD



For the second year in a row, the festival is pleased to present **Michelle Mayfield**. Mayfield is a Texas talent who is becoming established in the Austin music scene. Last year she made that city's best of 2004 list in two categories: best new artist and best female artist. A reviewer for *Austinlive.com* describes Mayfield's live show as "rockin', high energy, dancing, wailing, soul-cleansing rock n' roll." A former scholarship athlete at Texas A&M, Mayfield lists her greatest musical influences as Pat Benatar and Sheryl Crow. Find out more about Michelle Mayfield at www.michellemayfield.com.



YVONNE PEREA

Yvonne Perea's multi-dimensional talent and sound defy a compartmentalized genre. Her music is representative of her maturity as an artist and as a person-- combining upbeat, bluesy tracks with warm, full ballads and something in between. Take a look at Perea's website at www.yvonneperea.com.



WHITNEY McCRAY

Originally from Amarillo, Texas, **Whitney McCray** moved to New Orleans in the late 80's and has performed with several bands since. She is the primary songwriter for her current band, **Mary's eX**, and brings a deceptively powerful singing voice and unique lyrics to the group. With the band she released a full-length CD called "Clever Combination." Recently *Billboard* Songwriter's Competition certified two of the originals from "Clever Combination" among the top 500 songs of 2002. Please view McCray's website at www.whitneyanmccray.com.



BETH WOOD

Beth Wood is new to the Houston Women's Festival but certainly not new to the business of entertaining the audience with her calming voice. Wood has been recognized for her work in national college touring. To learn more about this up-and-coming artist, visit: www.bethwoodmusic.com.

HOLLY LIGHT



Back after winning Houston fans in 2002, Holly Light and her great adult alternative pop style can charm even the most critical music fan. Her seductive vocals and passionate songwriting make her a definite force in her genre. Light's music has a strong folk vibe, and the lyrics are drenched with artistic flavors of the genre. In addition Light's vocals have an addictive allure. Please visit Holly Light at www.hollylight.com.

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