

Press Kit

TAKE ME AS I AM: An Evening with Joni Mitchell

About the show:

Rainee's one-woman show about Joni Mitchell has been taking Australian audiences by storm. Performing to packed houses at the 2014 National Folk Festival in Canberra and many times in venues around Australia; Foundry 616, Venue 505, Paris Cat and more.

Take Me As I Am (named after a lyric in the song 'California') explores the stunning songs and stories of the famed Canadian songbird. The show is set at the peak of Joni's career on a night in 1976. Newly returned from a solo road trip across America, *Take Me As I Am* spans eight studio albums from 'Ladies of the Canyon' to 'Hejira', featuring most prominently the songs from her acclaimed album 'Blue' – widely credited as one of the best albums ever made. Hear classic songs like 'Both Sides Now', 'Big Yellow Taxi' and 'A Case of You' and a reworking of some lesser known songs too.

Rainee embodies Joni, she sings and plays the role with total commitment to truth. Since 2012, Rainee has been transporting audiences back in time as she tells stories of Joni's lost loves (from Graham Nash to James Taylor), of not quite making it to Woodstock, yet writing the definitive song about the landmark festival and of the heartbreak she suffered by adopting out her baby.

Take Me As I Am goes beyond a normal tribute show. Audiences are singing along, shedding tears and connecting with the music that has touched generations of listeners. Grandparents are sharing their stories with their grandchildren of when they first heard Joni Mitchell and younger audience members are beginning to be drawn into a world of personal reflection, joy and sadness.

Since the age of thirteen when Rainee's father first gave her a copy of Court and Spark and said, "I think you're ready for this", Rainee has cultivated a love-affair with the artist who has inspired her to research and write this show. She accompanies herself on guitars and dulcimer with a a soaring and angelic voice that does Joni Mitchell justice. Rainee delivers a unique experience that few artists are capable of: skill, authenticity and connection.

About the artist:

Rainee Lyleson is a third generation actress, singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist from Sydney, Australia. She recently starred as Juliet in the King Street Theatre's production of 'Romeo and Juliet'. In reviewing her performance, StageWhispers.com commented: "*It is an understatement to say that Rainee Lyleson was flawless.*" Her original compositions combine elements of folk and jazz and she has toured internationally in her own right as well as released an EP of original music. She is currently based in LA.



Testimonials:

“Her love of Joni Mitchell's work shines through in her own compositions, as well as in the Joni works. She is definitely someone to keep an ear on...” – **Kristin Berardi: Jazz singer.**

“Rainee reminds me of a young Joni I was fortunate to see in California in 1969/70... An awe-inspiring tribute to Joni.” - **Joy Yates: vocal teacher, singer.**



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“It felt like I was sitting in a club in the 70s watching Joni Mitchell sing and tell her stories. I almost forgot where I was! Rainee has the accent, the mannerisms, the instrument playing and the singing down pat. An incredible show not to be missed! There may have been tears.” - **Lauren Lucille: Nina and**

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AN EVENING WITH **JONI MITCHELL**

PARIS CAT 6 GOLDIE PLACE MELBOURNE

NOVEMBER 16TH 7.30 PM
TICKETS \$20 WWW.PARISCAT.COM.AU

ALEX SLATER WITH DAREN SIRBOUGH WITH JAMES HEAZLEWOOD DALE WITH JESSE LYLESON GUITAR/HARMONICA

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/RAINEEMUSIC



**Previous Performances Include:
National Folk Festival**

Canberra
18th & 20th of April 2 PACKED TENTS

Foundry 616

Sydney
March 17th & April 30th SOLD OUT

Paris Cat Jazz Club

Melbourne
November 30th & April 3rd SOLD OUT

Venue 505

Surry Hills
October 3rd 2013

The Newsagency

Marrickville
October 25th & 27th 2012

No. 5 Church St

Bellingen
29/12/13 & 9/12/14
(Dinner and a show, SOLD OUT)

Mullumbimby Bowling Club

Friday 18th January 2013 (150 people)

TEASER:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ioqxkbfMK0>

Other Clips:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=31v-Pk4mwoA>

Websites:

www.rainee.com.au
www.facebook.com/raineemusic
www.facebook.com/jonimitchellshow
www.instagram.com/raindoggydog

Reviews:

www.sydneyartsguide.com.au/2013/09/take-me-as-i-am/

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Rainee Lyleson plays her dulcimer in a quiet park setting

Rainee Lyleson is one of those multi-talented young performers- she is an actress, singer and musician- who is always on the move.