## **AMY CORREIA BIO**

Amy Correia is an award-winning singer and songwriter, who delivers songs with a raw power that's both vulnerable and fierce. That musical honesty has drawn comparisons to artists as varied as Tom Waits to Edith Piaf, and *The New York Times* calls her "a singular talent." After two major releases on EMI, her latest album, *You Go Your Way*, won multiple awards, including the Independent Music Award for "Best Folk, Singer-Songwriter" album in 2012. *American Songwriter* raved about Amy's "Rod Stewart-meets-Lucinda Williams pipes...on another rootsy gem of an album." Music journalist and author of *Rock N Roll Will Save Your Life*, Steve Almond, described *You Go Your Way* as "Nothing short of a masterpiece."

A mesmerizing performer, accompanying herself on guitar, piano and baritone ukulele, Correia's "distinctive brand of musical storytelling sets her outside the usual set of quirky female singer-songwriters making her, as one *New York Times* reviewer described, 'more like the cat who eats the canary than the fragile bird itself." (Anthony DeCurtis, guest host, *WYNC's Soundcheck*).

Originally from Lakeville, Massachusetts, where Correia's father owns the local barber shop, Correia has toured extensively across the U.S. for the past 13 years, headlining her own shows and opening for musical luminaries such as John Hiatt, Richard Thompson and most recently Chrissie Hynde, who took her on a 28-U.S. city tour with a side project JP, Chrissie and the Fairground Boys. She has appeared as Persephone in the highly-acclaimed Anais Mitchell folk-opera *Hadestown* in New York, Boston and Hartford and was a touring member of Marc Cohn's band for several U.S. tours, appearing with him on *Ellen, Good Morning America* and *The Today Show*. Amy was featured by journalist Anthony Mason on *CBS Evening News* in 2009 as an early convert to "crowd-sourcing" an album, after successfully raising over \$35K to make her award-winning album *You Go Your Way*. Numerous appearances include features on worldwide syndicated *KCRW's Morning Becomes Eclectic, David Dye's World Cafe* and *NPR*'s *Mountain Stage*.

A number of singer-songwriters and bands have recorded Amy Correia's songs in recent years, including folksinger Lucy Kaplansky whose "delightful cover" (*The Boston Globe*) of Correia's "Life is Beautiful" was on Kaplansky's most recent acclaimed album, *Reunion*. The Boston-based Session Americana's heralded cover of Correia's "Love Changes Everything" was featured on their award-winning album *Love and Dirt* (2012).

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