

# Home is a Winner for Lion Taming Andi



November 2007 will be busy for singer/songwriter Andi Neate – one of 12 finalists in Burnsong Gathering 2007, the national competition set up to find and promote the best new songwriting talent in Scotland.

On **Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov** she will be “ringmistress” for **Andi Neate’s Music Circus** at the **Jazz Bar, Edinburgh**. Expect musical thrills and sparks with **The Andi Neate Band** (with surprise changes to the usual line-up) and special guests including the talented and gorgeous singer/songwriter **Vivien Scotson** and the extraordinary **Martyn Halsey** – a singer/songwriter who has been dubbed **The Fred Astaire of Whistling!** Andi and Vivien met up earlier this year on a songwriting residency in Italy, run by squeeze singer/writer **Chris Difford**.

On **Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Nov**, following a week-long residency to work on her song, **Home**, with industry professionals, she will perform at **The Big Gig** (at the new BBC HQ, Pacific Quay, Glasgow) with the other Burnsong Gathering finalists. In the morning of that day she is one of four finalists chosen to record a session for the **Iain Anderson Show** (BBC Radio Scotland), which will be broadcast on Friday night.

In between she has a couple of gigs with renowned singer Sophie Bancroft, at Heriot (in the Borders) and Cromarty (on the Black Isle!). **Burnsong** was created by Dumfries and Galloway Arts Association, an independent arts development agency serving south west Scotland. The project is funded by the Scottish Executive, Scottish Arts Council and supported by media partner BBC Radio Scotland.

**Andi Neate** is a singer/songwriter of exceptional talent, with a powerful voice, a gift for melody and delightfully quirky lyrics. She is a compelling live performer, who has been compared with Suzanne Vega, Ani DiFranco and the Cranberries. She does not easily fit into established categories, but draws on a wide range of influences from folk to rock to jazz. She appears regularly at UK festivals, including Glastonbury, Cambridge Fringe Festival, Wickerman, Solfest and The Famous Spiegeltent, and has travelled as far afield as Canada, Prague and the Falkland Islands. Andi has just released her 4<sup>th</sup> CD - **Lion Taming for Astronauts**. It was recorded at Edinburgh’s Bongo Club in March 2007 and sparkles with the magic of her live performances. The CD includes **Home**, which is her winning entry in the **Burnsong Gathering**, with 3 other new songs – **Rocketship, Love As If** and **Tales from the Circus** - and a selection of favourites from her previous recordings.

She recently signed a publishing deal with **World Domination Music Ltd**.

A woman of many talents and formidable determination, Andi once spent 3 years building her own house completely from scratch... and she can rustle up a paper frog or a dolphin in seconds!

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