



Sloan Wainwright's 6th full-length studio CD – Upside Down & Under My Heart – is officially released today, June 21, 2011, on Derby Disc. The new work promises an expanded musicality including “mysterious pedal steel, wonderfully intricate mandolin, gentle piano and subtle percussion” while keeping the “rich contralto voice and intensely personal lyrics” intact that Sloan Wainwright has become so known for.

“And still they come! Yes, Sloan Wainwright is related to the Loudon-Rufus-Martha galaxy—she's Loudon's little sis—and she sticks to a more classically folksy sound than the kids, as evidenced on latest disc Upside Down and Under My Heart.”

Time Out New York

“SLOAN WAINWRIGHT Celebrating a new album, Upside Down & Under My Heart, Wainwright is always a pleasure to behold live. The way her voice rumbles like thunder on a mountaintop will make you a believer.” **The Boston Globe**

Pat Wictor (contemporary songwriter drawing on the rural country, gospel, and blues traditions of our nation) lends backing vocals to select tracks such as “My Song” and “Little Bit Right” and David Mansfield (award-winning film and television composer and musician) joins as part of the album's string arrangement (violin, viola, cello) on the penultimate entirely-acoustic track “I Wear The Ring”.

Iconic and influential Canadian singer/songwriter, Kate McGarrigle (mother to Martha and Rufus Wainwright) is featured playing piano on “Today” the song she co-wrote with Sloan the year prior to her passing. Kate McGarrigle passed away from Sarcoma in January 2010. “Today” also features longtime McGarrigle sidemen Chaim Tannenbaum on mandolin and harmonica and Joel Zifkin on violin.

Produced by Sloan Wainwright alongside collaborator and guitarist Stephen Murphy, Upside Down & Under My Heart is a collection of 10 original songs and is best described as a musical exploration of love, loss, and learning to begin again.

Sloan Wainwright describes her latest project thus: *“These are songs that represent where I have been over the last few years - It has been a time of many changes - the biggest change of all being the death of my beloved husband George after 30 years together on earth. And - the music is always there for me. Flowing forward. One of the prominent themes of this collection of songs is collaboration - old and new - known and unknown.”*

Track List:

1. Living Out The Best of Your Life
2. Upside Down & Under My Heart
3. Here I Am
4. I Can See Now
5. Today
6. My Song
7. I Wear The Ring
8. Holland
9. Little Bit Right
10. I Am Free

“The talent of the Wainwright clan is vast indeed. Sloan Wainwright, sister of Loudon, aunt of Rufus and Martha, has been putting out records and gathering a loyal following for the last 15 years. Much more on the traditional end of the folk genre, she supports her songs with a strong, deep voice that can easily fill any (sic) listening room” **Low Down NY**

" An earth mother voice that she pours into unexpectedly sensitive blends of folk, jazz, blues and funk." New York Times

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