

ELIZA GILKYSON

"A combination of gravity and grace... Her writing is poetry, something that most songwriters strive for but not so many actually achieve. The strength of her lyrics and music help set the work apart."

~ Buddy Magazine

Eliza Gilkyson is a twice Grammy-nominated (2006/2015) singer-songwriter and activist who is one of the most respected musicians in Folk, Roots and Americana circles. Her songs have been covered by Joan Baez, Bob Geldof, The Conspirare Choir, Tom Rush and Rosanne Cash and have appeared in films, PBS specials and on prime-time TV. A member of the Austin Music Hall of Fame, and an inductee into the Austin Songwriter Hall of Fame, she has won countless Folk Alliance and Austin Music awards, including 2014's Songwriter of the Year.

Eliza's latest release, **2020**, is a collection of songs that illuminate the emotional roller coaster ride of the year 2020, looking into the future to a world that is hopefully more just and sustainable. Recently named the #1 Album of the Year on the 2020 FAI Folk Radio Music chart, the album features the political anthem "Peace in Our Hearts", which was written as a rallying cry to be sung at gatherings and marches, and is the winner of the "Song of the Year" Award at the Folk Alliance International Conference in 2021.

Eliza is pleased with the regime change in the USA, and to celebrate has recorded a new album that takes a temporary break from politics. This new work, entitled **Songs from the River Wind** is due out in January of 2022. Produced by Colorado multi-instrumentalist/ producer Don Richmond, **Songs from the River Wind** features songs written about characters from her past and the lives and loves lost and found as she roamed the highways of the West "from the Brazos to the Badlands. inspired by her recent relocation to the mountains of northern New Mexico. Eliza says, "This homecoming to New Mexico has filled me with joy, connecting me to my past and my deep abiding love of the Old West, as well as highlighting my desire to see those remnants of natural beauty and history preserved and honored. This recording is my love letter to the West."

"Drawing on elements of folk, country and Americana, Gilkyson, like contemporaries Shawn Colvin, Lucinda Williams, Rosanne Cash, demonstrates that the craft of songwriting, intelligent and lasting, is ultimately in the hands of those who can not only turn out a compelling second album, but five, or ten, or with this Grammy-nominated performer, over twenty."

~ Direct Current Music

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AWARDS

9/01/14 Grammy Award Nomination–Best Contemporary Folk Album (Nocturne Diaries)

2/19/05 Grammy Award Nomination–Best Contemporary Folk Album (Land of Milk and Honey)

Austin Music Hall of Fame Induction (2003)

Austin Music Award–Best Folk Artist (2014, 2011, 2006)

AustinMusic Award–Best Songwriter (2014, 2005)

Austin Music Award–Best Female Vocalist (2006)

Folk Alliance International Music Award–Album of the Year (2006) (Paradise Hotel)

Folk Alliance International Music Award–Song of the Year (2006) ("Man of God"-Paradise Hotel)

Folk Alliance International Music Award–Best Solo Artist (2006)
Folk Alliance International Music Award–Best Contemporary Artist (2006)
Folk Alliance International Music Award-Song of the Year (2020)

("Peace in Our Hearts"-"2020")

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