

KARINE POLWART BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

“a passionate, perceptive songwriter” Uncut 2008

“exceptionally subtle and melodic” Q 2008

“takes the heart to places few singers even know exist” WORD 2008

Scots songwriter Karine Polwart combines the economy and universality of the folk storytelling tradition with a probing intellect and compassionate lyricism. Twice winner of “Best Original Song” at the UK-wide BBC Folk Awards, she’s collaborated with alt folk balladeer King Creosote, the intellectual maverick of English folk song Chris Wood, Idlewild front man Roddy Woomble, bluegrass ace Tim O’Brien and even the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. Following the breakthrough of her debut album “Faultlines”, and its lush 2006 successor “Scribbled in Chalk”, Karine has released two albums on her own micro label, hegri music, including her 2008 bittersweet collection of original songs “This Earthly Spell”.

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