



JOYANN PARKER

SOUL/BLUES/ROOTS

BIOGRAPHY

With roots in the church and a solid foundation of musical education, Joyann Parker found her authentic voice later in life and has created her own blend of roots music that combines soul, R&B, gospel and traditional blues styles. Parker has been a steadily rising star on the Minneapolis music scene, and with the release of her critically-acclaimed solo debut record, "Hard To Love," is now bringing her full range of talent as an accomplished singer, pianist, guitarist and songwriter to national and international stages.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM FOR "HARD TO LOVE"

"Joyann Parker presents a package of originals and serves notice that she's a blues performer to the bone. Bravely risking emotional exposure, this Minneapolis-based singer and multi-instrumentalist shows a penchant for depicting a unique response to the ups and downs of life." (Frank-John Hadley/DownBeat Magazine)

"Hard To Love" is a colorful musical tapestry woven by a consummate artist out of the warp and wool of jazz, soul and blues. Parker's passionate vocals deliver what might be one of the best albums of the year so far." (Henry L. Carrigan/Living Blues Magazine)

"JOYANN PARKER IS THE BEST TWIN CITIES FEMALE SINGER YOU'VE NEVER HEARD. WHATEVER SHE PLAYS, PARKER OWNS IT." (JON BREAM/MINNEAPOLIS STAR-TRIBUNE)

**"A SINGING, SONGWRITING, GUITAR-PLAYING, SELF-PRODUCING, SELF-AWARE POWERHOUSE, BUT THE DRIVING FORCE IS UNQUESTIONABLY HER VOICE — A FORMIDABLE INSTRUMENT SHE WIELDS WITH SOUL AND TASTE."
(PASADENA WEEKLY)**

PERFORMANCE AND CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2018 Blues Blast Music Award Nominee - Sean Costello Rising Star Award
- Released debut record "Hard To Love" to critical national and international acclaim
- Growing national touring since 2017 from clubs (WI, IA, IL, NE, KS, MO, OH, TN, SC, FL) to festival stages, including Bayfront Blues Festival (MN), Northwoods Blues Festival (WI), Fargo Winter Blues Fest (ND), Lowertown Blues and Funk Fest, (MN) and Marquette Blues Fest (MI)
- Sold-out shows of 250+ capacity clubs in home market of Minneapolis, MN

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