

Mp3 Jaylene Johnson - Finding Beautiful

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Soul-nourishing, substance-filled pop...emo meets Mitchell and King. 10 MP3 Songs POP: Delicate, FOLK: Folk Pop Details: BIOGRAPHY for JAYLENE JOHNSON Winnipeg's Jaylene Johnson is a courageous singer/songwriter. While her songs take people to emotional places inside themselves that they may not have known existed, her writing only leads to places where she has gone herself. Familiar with the dichotomy of emotions that is part of our humanity, here is an artist able to find a musical voice for pain, loss and grief that is not absent of joy, gratefulness and hope. Her lyrics are heart-wrenching and achingly lovely. And constantly challenging her own thinking and ideologies, she wrestles with questions and works out the answers musically with a pure, unfaltering voice and haunting piano or guitar-backed melodies. In 2005, Sony Pictures Television has found a place for four of Jaylene's songs. Two were used in different episodes of the CBS program, Joan of Arcadia, another in its entirety for the final season DVD release of the much beloved Dawson's Creek series, and still another for an ABC Family network program called "Beautiful People". While licensing is a recent venture for her, Jaylene's talents have been recognized with songwriting awards and nominations, including a Western Canadian Music Award nomination in 2004 for her sophomore record, Finding Beautiful (CMC Distribution, 2004) and an international songwriting award given by the Gospel Music Association of Nashville in 2002 for a song from her debut record, Not Forgotten, (Sweetree Records, 2000). She has been featured live on A-Channel, Trinity Television and 100 Huntley Street, and was awarded a coveted Pop showcase at the Western Canadian Music Awards in Calgary last fall. The showcase was part of a national solo tour that took her from Campbell River, BC to the Maritimes. A car accident on her way home from tour in December 2004 curbed Jaylene's plans to promote her music by touring in 2005. She has taken time to heal in her hometown. "I miss being on the road! In the past years I did a lot of touring...but it's good to have some time to contemplate a bit and reassess what I'm doing and why. Every time I ask "What next?" the same thing comes back: Sing, write. It may be more difficult sometimes, and I don't know what the outcome will ultimately be, but that's part of the awesome, vulnerable risk of it all. Songwriting is how I connect with the world around me and I'm compelled to continue." So, for now it's a journal and a pen and

the hope that the poignant words that so beautifully express faith and the heart and soul of the human experience continue to flow from this brave young woman. For more info, check out jaylenejohnson.com

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