

Influenced by the music of such music legends as Patsy Cline, Etta James, Peggy Lee and Hank Williams, award-winning singer/songwriter **Marny Duncan-Cary** serves up jazz-and-blues tinged country in a strong, clear voice. With songs ranging from down-to-earth to emotionally charged and energetic, Marny's performances are charismatic, drawing audiences in and creating the kinds of moments that make you smile long after the show has ended.

Marny showcased at the 2003 Canadian Country Music Awards and was part of the prestigious Songwriter's Café at the 2004 CCMA's. Her critically acclaimed debut CD, ***Reason for Bein'***, was nominated in five categories and resulted in four awards at the 2005 Saskatchewan Country Music Awards. These included Album of the Year, Female Vocalist of the Year, Composer of the Year (for "Because I Want To") and Rising Star. Marny was again nominated for Female Vocalist of the Year in 2006 and 2007.

She was honoured to have "Who's That Man?"—a song inspired by her family's history with World War II—included in CBC national radio's 2004 Remembrance Day Special. This song, along with "Linger" (both from *Reason for Bein'*), was used in an episode of the hit CTV comedy *Corner Gas*. Marny was delighted to perform for Queen Elizabeth during her visit to Saskatchewan in 2005, and that fall was also selected to perform at the Saskatchewan Centennial celebrations held in Ottawa. The summer of 2009 saw her on stage in the Western Canadian debut of "Canada's Songbird: A Musical Tribute to Anne Murray," a musical theatre production.

As an extension of her songwriting, Marny has published two children's picture books based on her songs. Set in the fall colours of the Qu'appelle Valley, ***Linger*** shares a mother's bittersweet feelings of loss and pride on her child's first day of school. *Linger* was extremely well-received and earned a glowing review from CBC's national radio program "Freestyle."

Marny's second book, ***Who's That Man?***, captures the poignant first moment of meeting between a father and son separated by war. *Who's That Man?* will launch in November 2009. Plans are already in place to continue the storytelling with a picture book based on her song "I Wanna Be A Rockstar," a fun and funky track from *Reason for Bein'* set to hit the shelves in 2010.

Marny loves every minute of performing with her daughter and fellow singer, Mae Cary, and is always glad for the opportunity to speak at schools, libraries and teachers conventions.