

Andrea Menard

Andrea Menard, the talented performer and creator from Saskatchewan, Canada, has been busy promoting her second album, **Simple Steps**. The CD features 12 original songs, written by Menard and Robert Walsh, that are “a little bit country, and a whole lot of folk”, and reflect her experiences and reflections of her place in the world as a proud Métis woman. Her second single, “100 Years”, is spinning on radio stations nationally and internationally and recently won “Best Single” at the Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards in Toronto, Canada.

Simple Steps, produced by Walsh, has been winning award after award for its outstanding performance and production:

- **2006 Western Canadian Music Award for “Outstanding Aboriginal Recording”**,
- **2006 Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards for “Best Folk Album”**,
- **2006 Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards for “Best Single – 100 Years”**,
- **2006 Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards for “Best Album of the Year”**,
- **2006 Indian Summer Music Award for “Best Folk Album”**,

The album was also nominated for two **Aboriginal Peoples Choice Music Awards**.

Although Menard has played all over Canada promoting her folk album with her smooth voice and great storytelling style, she has also crossed into the jazz worlds with her first cd. Menard's debut CD, *The Velvet Devil* features original jazz songs from her hit one-woman musical play that has been taking Canada by storm. In 2003, *The Velvet Devil* earned her several nominations as well. Both CDs have received much acclaim and interest across the country and have been featured on many of Canada's premiere radio programs.

Andrea, an actress as well, has received **two Gemini nominations** (October 2006) for performance by an Actress in two different categories and for two different productions. Her performance as Detective Strongeagle on the dramatic series *Moccasin Flats* (Showcase, APTN) earned her a Gemini nomination for **Best Performance by an Actress in a Continuing Leading Dramatic Role**. Her second Gemini nomination, **Best Performance in a Performing Arts Program or Series**, is for her performance as the beloved character Menard created, Velvet Laurent, in the television special *The Velvet Devil*.

Never one to take a rest, Menard is currently laying the groundwork for her next two albums.

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