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## Tori Sparks - *Under This Yellow Sun* (Glass Mountain Records)

“Tori can make you believe in something whether you want to or not. She has the purest vocals I’ve heard since Kate Bush.” --Rebecca Hosking, *Music News Nashville*

“...[Tori’s] songcraft is sparkling and Spark’s voice is warm and inviting...the effects can be simply stunning...” – Joseph McCombs, *All Music Guide*

“A knockout... !” – Voice Choice, *The Village Voice*

Tori Sparks' second album *Under This Yellow Sun* features a mélange of textures throughout the alternative acoustic album that has attitude for miles. The album also features a very wacky and sexy **BONUS MUSIC VIDEO** for the song “Cold War,” directed by **Wayne Hall**. But behind Tori’s big black boots and balls-to-the-wall guitar playing lies an inventive lyricist who fortifies her words with commanding vocal capabilities. The record sounds like the alterna-roots-rock, folk-addicted lovechild of **SHAWN COLVIN** and **RON SEXSMITH** as instrumentally impressive as is Tori’s voice. The songs on the album reveal Tori as an instinctive performer with predilections for a hint of drama in her stone-blues rock’n’soul. Add ragtime/parlor vibes and a dash of the darker side of Dixie jazz, and you have a sound unique to the adventurous young chanteuse who has already started to make her mark on the independent scene.

**David Henry (R.E.M., Ben Folds, Vienna Teng, Josh Rouse, Jill Sobule, Widespread Panic, Indigo Girls, Cowboy Junkies)** and Tori co-produced the album. Steve Bowman from the **Counting Crows**, Aaron Sands from **Jars of Clay**, John Deaderick who plays with **Patty Griffin & Emmylou Harris**, and other impressive players add to the forthright and decisive energy of Tori’s music. *Under This Yellow Sun* will be released under the auspices of **Glass Mountain Records** and Hand Over Foot Publishing (ASCAP)

Tori’s first EP, *Tidewaters*, was released in 2003 and soon had independent labels smashing down her door, eventually enticing her to relocate to Nashville. The newly transplanted Tori promptly recorded her debut album **Rivers + Roads** in 2005. Tracks from the album were featured on the “Canadian Music Week Best Unsigned Artist Compilation” and “A Taste of Triple A” in 2006, alongside artists such as **Brandi Carlile** and the **Black Rebel Motorcycle Club**. The music video “Rivers + Roads” was selected **Best Pop Video** by the **Indie Gathering 2006**. Tori Sparks has shared the stage with internationally known artists such as **Justin Earle (Steve Earle’s son)**, and **John and Mary** of the **10,000 Maniacs**. She also spent months devoted to the **Feed Your Soul Guitar Project**, a tour and folk art auction benefiting **Oxfam America**. **ASCAP**, *The Village Voice*, *Paste Magazine Online*, **NBC**, **ABC**, **FOX**, the **Women’s Right to Rock Music Festival** and other publications took note of Tori’s work and helped spread the word. Eight months of heavy touring in 2006 has helped to build her a solid fan base that only continues to spread with 2007 tours of Ireland and the U.S.

Check out **Tori Sparks’** album *Under This Yellow Sun* and let us know what you think. If you need any more information, would like to set up an interview, need a high-resolution .jpeg photo, or have any questions or requests, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Enjoy the music!

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