

Rose Gerber Bio

Singer-songwriter Rose Gerber is an intrepid American roots explorer, grafting country, folk, rock, alt-rock, and alt-country into an ageless, ache-laden signature sound. As a writer, Rose is both thick-skinned and delicate, shape-shifting from Heartland rock n'roll to heartbreaking balladry with unpretentious ease. Her songs are snapshots of everyday living that capture meaning in the seemingly mundane, courageous letters-to-self that spill wisdom so raw it feels almost accidental. It's that unflinching tone that lands her comparisons to Natalie Merchant, Gillian Welch, and Patty Griffin: a turn-of-the-millennium voice backed by the high-lonesome pedal steel whine, Doc Martins and cowboy boots, each in their turn.

Rose cut her musical teeth in New England's folk circuit before packing up and driving west to Portland, OR in 2008, accompanied by a stack of burned country CDs - a goodbye gift from an old friend. Mile after mile, the carefully curated vintage tunes wrapped a deep love for country music into the foundation of her new life as a Portlander, and she's been weaving classic country elements into her songs, shows, and collaborations ever since.

In true PNW fashion, Rose's full band was born in a garage during the rainy season of 2017, a labor that consisted of off-color jokes, the blue-ribbon twang of their trio of guitars (pedal steel, acoustic, and electric), and plenty of wrangling in her trademark rock-tumbled alto. Together, the five-piece band is a melting pot of essential American sounds, bringing a high lonesome rock vibe to the familiar down-home marriage of soaring harmonies and galloping strings.

Over the years, Rose has shared stages with Shawn Colvin, Big Richard, and The Parson Redheads - a testament to the chameleon versatility of her indie Americana sound. She's headlined a bucket list of essential Portland venues, at home in a city where grunge and folk music bleed together in the puddles on the pavement. Her catalog has expanded to include both solo and band albums, several EPs, and a bounty of singles, all rooted in a sense of place that's both eerily familiar and uniquely her own.

Rose's 2024 EP, *Untraveled Highway*, out on July 5th, is a nostalgic escape into the freedom of youth that somehow never quite abandons its grown-up wisdom.

In five songs about running, compromising, and learning to stay, Rose lovingly buckles impending middle age into the passenger seat and hits the highway - a much-needed road trip companion for anyone wrestling with what it might mean to settle down.