



# ROSE COUSINS

## WE HAVE MADE A SPARK

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Rose Cousins finds insight in solitude and strength in numbers. Supported by a thriving Halifax music scene and welcomed by an equally vibrant Boston community, her new album *We Have Made A Spark* was made in the spirit of community and collaboration.

*We Have Made A Spark* follows Cousins' two multi-award winning albums *The Send Off* (2009) produced by Luke Doucet and *If You Were For Me* (2006) produced by CBC in Halifax. Yet another collection of stunning songs by Rose Cousins, her third album braves weighty topics.

Rooted in authenticity and conviction of voice, from driving opening track *The Darkness* to stark piano ballad *Go First*, you feel as though Rose Cousins sings for you, about your life. It is that sincerity that leads some to compare Cousins to our most beloved songwriters, and yet, her passionate delivery is distinctly, Rose. From writing songs from a tiny cabin without electricity on a New Hampshire island (*All The Stars, The Shell*) to the stage of one her many international tour stops her lone voice reaches out to listeners, all of us surrounded by our own forms of darkness, and charges us to have the courage to forge ahead.

It's not surprising that Boston performers were quick to adopt Cousins when she started traveling there 8 years ago. To make *We Have Made A Spark*, she gathered her friends and collaborators together to make the record at well-known American studio (Q Division) used by James Taylor, Aimee Mann, Patty Griffin. Along with new music comes a short film called *If I Should Fall Behind*, about the heart of the community where the record was made.

Canadian collaborations have included recording and touring with **Joel Plaskett** on his multi-Juno-winning album *Three* and recording *A New Kind Of Light*, a Christmas CD, with label-mate **Jill Barber** and 2011 Juno New Artist of the Year, **Meaghan Smith**. Cousins' herself recently took home 2011 East Coast Music Awards for **Female Solo Recording** and **Songwriter of the Year**.



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