

ILENE BARNES

BIOGRAPHIE

Armed with great song and a wonderful voice Ilene Barnes steps out in this musical world . Born in Detroit USA, spending her childhood in Surinam, Barbados and Jamaica. She comes out of a quite unconventional Afro-American family with native American, East Indian and Irish roots. Her father was a tropical disease researcher for the WHO and travelled with the family through the Caribbean and South America. She began to play guitar in Barbados and decided at the age of ten to live later as a writer in Paris. She studied drama at the Smith College in Boston taking classes with Len Berkman and Jerzy Grotowsky before moving to Europe in 1990. Living between London , Paris and now the USA she started touring in EUROPE as a singer song writer with her first album "SET YOU FREE " released in 2000 . The 2end album "Time", released three years later is a very good representation of her personal style .. Her amazingly strong and fragile voice reminds us of Nina Simone, Joan Armatrading and Tracy Chapman. Her lyrics are very personal stories, Talking of the depth of human fears and the human concerns of yesterday and today .Her Third album "Yesterday Comes" was produced by Jimmy Hoyson who worked previously with Ben Harper and Green Day. After a live album " Live à FIP" a French radio special, Ilene Barnes entered the studios with Ian Caple (Tindersticks , JJ 72 , Tricky , Yann Tiersen , and Alain Bashing " among others) "Here's to you ", Ilene Barnes new album will be released on march 2009 followed by an intensive tour . , This will confirm that she is one of the most influential artists on the European SEENE today .As since 2004 Ilene Barnes played on numerous important festivals such as the Paleo, (Switzerland) Eurosonic, Parkpop,(Holland) Arezzo Wave

(Italy) , Mercas de Musicas de Vic (Spain) and more than 25 dates in Germany opening for acts such as ERIC BURDON & the Animals , but France being a temporary home Ilene Barnes Hit a tour of more than 15 important French Festivals and played more than 400 sold out concerts between 2003 & 2008 ending with a three weeks sold out concerts at The EUROPEEN venue in Paris between February & march 2008. and now her new tour supporting her new album will Kick out at the Alhambra venue in Paris on April 7th 2009

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