



## Urban Folk with Rural Roots

*Chris Kokesh is a super mix of talent - a stunning solo artist. Her songs stay with you, finding you humming them long after the show is over. Great voice, fresh originality and a natural musicality that brings it all together to beautifully it'll fill you up and leave you wanting more!* ~ Kate Power, former owner of Portland's folk institution Artichoke Music

*Chris Kokesh is a fine singer, a strong musician, and her new recording is superb.* ~ Tom Krumm, KLCC, Eugene OR

*When a song really works, it's hard to imagine those words with any other music, like they always went together and the writer just discovered them. Chris Kokesh is writing songs like that.* ~ Jeff Douglas, Oregon Artbeat, OPB

*The song that had me grabbing the CD cover to see who wrote it . . . is a Kokesh original.*  
~ Jeff Rosenberg, Willamette Week (review of Misty Rivers's *Stories* CD)

With the inception of the band Misty River in 1997, Chris Kokesh became a distinctive voice on the Portland, OR music scene. Her exciting fiddle playing and alluring vocals helped create Misty River's signature vocal blend and modern folk style, and her award-winning songwriting distinguished her as a stand-alone talent.

To date Misty River has recorded eight of Chris's songs on their five albums; these CDs have sold over 50,000 copies and been played all over the world. Chris' solo release *I Never Knew* (2005) draws upon folk and country traditions, while maintaining an urban character.

Currently working on her second solo record, Chris has become a staple of the Portland music scene as a writer, performer and highly sought after session player. Jeff Douglas, of Oregon Public Broadcasting says, "Whether she's with Misty River or on her own, Chris Kokesh is writing songs that stand up with the best. Keep an ear out for this emerging talent."



### AWARDS

- Runner-Up, Portland Songwriter's Association 2009 Performing Songwriter of the Year
- Judges Choice 2008 NW West Coast Songwriters Performing Songwriter Competition
- Winner: 2003 Maryhill Winery Amphitheater's Singer/Songwriter competition
- Americana Song of the Year nomination, 2001 Just Plain Folks
- Best Song and Best Songwriter at the 1999 Columbia Gorge Bluegrass Festival
- Best Song from the Portland Songwriters Association, April 2000

### PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Solo or with Misty River, Chris has performed at the following venues and events:

- Wintergrass, WA
- River City Bluegrass Festival, OR
- Strawberry Music Festival, CA
- Walnut Valley Festival, KS
- Shanghai International Music Festival, China
- Sisters Folk Festival, OR
- Northwest Folklife Festival, WA

### DISCOGRAPHY

Chris Kokesh

- *I Never Knew* - 2005

Misty River

- *Stories* - 2007
- *Midwinter, Songs of Christmas* - 2004
- *Willow* - 2004
- *Live at the Backgate Stage* - 2002
- *Rising* - 2000
- *Barbeque America Soundtrack* - 2003