

# PEARL

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*'Few modern artists have bridged the musical divide between Ireland and Australia as seamlessly as Marcia'*. TJ Cranley: The Irish Echo. *'Burning In The Rain, her second solo CD, has an earthy sensibility which speaks from deep within the soft core of sensitive hearts'*. Barfly Magazine. *'Burning in the Rain is one of the best female albums of the decade.'* Beat Magazine. In June 2008 Marcia performed at festivals and venues in Denmark, Ireland, England and Wales, with Damian Howard and the Ploughboys. Marcia recently recorded and performed with Irish Singer Mary Black in Dublin and Australia. Marcia is currently working on her 3rd solo CD.

*'Marcia is one of our most cherished performers. She attracts the ears and eyes of the audience. She has an exceptional voice, full of emotion, but unforced and untainted. She has a natural grace on stage, with a personality and charm that embraces fellow performers and audiences alike'*.

Mike Ruggles:

Festival Director

Maldon Folk Festival

*'Rose Bygrave's third solo album is a gem. Blending the crystal clear instrument that is her voice with the superb musicianship of the minstrels who wander in (among them Marcia Howard), it's melodically rich, lyrically evocative and infused by her delicate folk sensibility'* Tom Ryan: The Age *'An accomplished performer, exhibiting superb stagecraft, angelic vocals, sensitive song writing and an immediate rapport with her audiences. Rose's songs cover many aspects of the human experience, and she always finds a way to take her audience with her on a wonderful musical journey''*.

Mark Both,

Festival Director,

Yungaburra Folk Festival, Qld