

Erica Viegas



Taking New Tracks to the Tracks

While most artists hit the road to promote a new album, Edmonton singer-songwriter **Erica Viegas** is hitting the rails. Her first tour across Canada, in partnership with VIA Rail, will see her traveling from Vancouver to Toronto – playing her music onboard the train as well as in major city clubs and venues across the country, in support of a new disc, *Unravel* to be released on May 9, 2013.

“I really wanted to write songs that people could relate to,” Erica shares. “The album centers on connections – either the creation or the unraveling of them.”

The 12 songs are a collection of stories, many that were written by watching the world around her go by – something she’ll surely have ample occasion to do while journeying on the rails. The disc, along with her live performances, captures quirky moments from everyday life: airport arrival gates, an elderly couple crossing an icy street, Sunday family dinners, the devastation of an earthquake, the distancing of love.

Unravel also seems like a testament to strong musical connections. The list of credited collaborators includes drummer Gary Craig (Anne Murray, Bruce Cockburn, Blackie and the Rodeo Kings), and producers Mike Lent (k.d. lang, Jann Arden) and WCMA Engineer and Producer of the Year, Russell Broom (Jann Arden, Emm Gryner).

“It’s so exciting to see Canada by train. I don’t think many people ever get that kind of opportunity. My brother, also my guitar player, is coming along too, and I am looking forward to working and getting to spend the time together. I’m also a little glad neither of us has to navigate,” she says with a smile.

Erica’s 2010 EP, *Where My Heart Goes*, earned her the title “Artist to Watch” at the inaugural Edmonton Music Awards, as well as the cover feature of Avenue Magazine Edmonton’s “Top 40 Under 40”. A portion of the proceeds from the album went to One! International, a school for street children in India where she has twice volunteered. Audiences have seen Erica open for JUNO winners and nominees Danny Michel, Lindi Ortega, Del Barber, Ruth Moody (Wailin’ Jennys) and Meaghan Smith during the last few years.

A variety of cities, small towns, and picturesque scenes across the country will provide a backdrop for audiences to enjoy *Unravel* - an album sure to gain momentum as fast as the train she’s touring on!

Tour Dates:

May 15, 2013 Victoria, BC
Merlin’s Sun Theatre

May 16, 2013 Vancouver, BC
Falconetti’s (with Pugs & Crows)

May 22, 2013 Winnipeg, MB
House Concert

May 23, 2013 Winnipeg, MB
The Neighbourhood Café

May 26, 2013 Toronto, ON
C’est What (with Carmela Antonio)

May 27, 2013 Toronto, ON
Central Bar (with Michelle Willis
and R.Shelley)

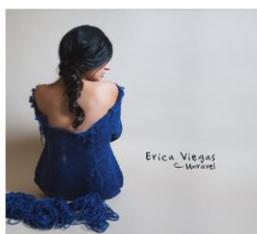
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| 1. Unraveling | 4. Haiti | 7. Roots and Wings | 10. Rest My Case |
| 2. Bicycle | 5. Arrival Gate | 8. Needle in a Haystack | 11. Where Do You Go |
| 3. Every Sunday | 6. Sit Beside Me | 9. Wildflower | 12. Robert’s Song |



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Unravel - Recommended Tracks

1. Unraveling 2. Bicycle 3. Every Sunday 8. Needle in a Haystack

Sounds like: Pop music with a strong folk foundation.