

Gypsy Wild and the Open Road



Debut recording by Vancouver singer/songwriter Brian denHertog recorded in Guelph, Ontario by Scott Merritt and produced by Stephen Fearing.

The 11 song CD consists of 10 original songs (3 co-written with Stephen Fearing) as well as a cover version of Junkhouse' "Burned Out Car". It features a strong cast of Canadian Roots luminaries, including Gary Craig (Jann Arden, Colin Linden) Jeff Bird (Cowboy Junkies) Richard Bell (The Band) Willie P. Bennett, Suzie Vinnick and Stephen Fearing. Strong songs and interesting arrangements make for an unusual and quirky first release from this West Coast artist.

Born to immigrant parents in Montreal, Brian denHertog moved with his family to British Columbia at an early age.

Brian has spent much of his life working and travelling on the West Coast and has explored many corners of Western Canada.

Brian has worked as a labourer, carpenter, kayak guide and high school teacher, as well as devoting time to following his creative spirit. Furniture builder, jeweler, mask carver and musician, Brian's first love is songwriting.

Over the last twenty years Brian has refined his writing and playing and followed his desire to share his songs with others. Crossing the boundaries of several musical genres, Brian's songs are informed by a life of travelling and are filled with the images of people and landscapes encountered along the way. Strange characters, shadows and light, hope, despair and spiritual awakening all reside in Brian's songs.

As a songwriter, Brian takes a craftsman's approach to refining his work, and feels that ultimately his desire is to live life "for the sake of the song" and to contribute to the vastly talented community of songwriters in Canada.

Brian denHertog currently resides in Vancouver, British Columbia where he has just released his first CD Gypsy Wild and the Open Road.