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Grammy Winner Shawn Colvin To Perform at Cohan Center Feb. 23

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA - Originally making her mark in the music industry with her hit single, "Sunny Came Home," multi Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter Shawn Colvin will share her latest songs and insights in a solo acoustic show on Sunday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. at the Christopher Cohan Center.

"...Once you fall under the spell of the wistful charm and quiet depth of her songs, Colvin connects in a way that makes you as curious about the details of her life as the thoughts in her songs." (The Los Angeles Times)

People Magazine observed "Colvin is a vibrant original."

Local musical favorite Jude Johnstone will open the concert, which is presented by Cal Poly Arts.

Shawn Colvin began playing guitar at 10 and became a solo performer after leaving college to perform in San Francisco and New York. She quickly gained a following in the Northeast folk scene and a live demo tape procured a record deal with Columbia Records in 1987.


She received two Grammy nominations for 1992's "Fat City" and yet another for 1994's "Cover Girl," a tribute to her early influences. Colvin's 1996 breakthrough release, "A Few Small Repairs," won two of Grammy's biggest awards: Record of the Year and Song of the Year for her song, "Sunny Came Home."

The following year, Colvin gave birth to daughter Caledonia-Jean Marie. She recorded the seasonal album, "Holiday Songs and Lullabies," which features material inspired by the classic Alec Wilder/Maurice Sendak book "Lullabies And Night Songs."
Colvin's 2000 release, "Whole New You," is a chronicle of family and personal re-creation.

Colvin's songs have been included on big-screen soundtracks ("Armageddon," "It Could Happen To You," "Tin Cup," "The Emperor's New Groove," "Runaway Bride," "Serendipity").

She has made appearances in films ("Grace Of My Heart," "Heartbreakers"); on television ("Suddenly Susan," "The Chris Isaak Show," "The Simpsons," "The Larry Sanders Show") and on the stage ("The Vagina Monologues").

Colvin also appeared on recordings by musical artists such as Béla Fleck, Chris Botti, Edwin McCain, Shawn Mullins, Lisa Loeb and James Taylor.

Opening Shawn Colvin's concert will be Cambria resident, acclaimed songwriter Jude Johnstone. Fellow musician Trisha Yearwood calls Johnstone "...a true songwriter ...Jude's songs are passionate to me and feel like poetry set to music."

Johnstone's songs have been covered by a range of artists including Johnny Cash, Bette Midler, Stevie Nicks, Jennifer Warnes, and Trisha Yearwood. Her debut "Coming of Age" CD includes background vocal contributions from Jackson Browne, Bonnie Raitt, Jennifer Warnes, and Trisha Yearwood.

Tickets for the performance range from $32 - $44, with student discounts available, and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call 805/756-2787; to order by fax: 805/756-6088.

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