

# LOREENA MCKENNITT

## FACT SHEET

Canadian singer/composer Loreena McKennitt is a self-managed, self-produced artist and the head of her own internationally successful record label, Quinlan Road. In a recording career spanning two decades, McKennitt's 'eclectic Celtic' music has won critical acclaim worldwide and gold, platinum and multi-platinum sales awards in 15 countries across four continents.

### Record sales & awards

- 14 million albums sold worldwide over a catalogue spanning nine studio recordings, a live in concert DVD, one double live CD, a DVD tour documentary and a collection featuring live and studio recordings.
- Canadian sales awards include one five-times platinum certification for sales of over 500,000 copies (*The Visit*), two four-times platinum certifications for sales of over 400,000 copies (*The Mask and Mirror*, *The Book of Secrets*), one platinum certificate for sales of over 100,000 copies of *An Ancient Muse*, five gold certifications for sales of over 50,000 copies (*Elemental*, *To Drive the Cold Winter Away*, *Parallel Dreams*, *A Winter Garden: Five Songs for the Season*, *Live in Paris and Toronto* and *A Midwinter Night's Dream*) and triple-platinum for sales of the concert DVD *Nights from the Alhambra*.
- U.S. sales awards include one double-platinum certification for sales of over two million copies for *The Book of Secrets*, whose success was led by the radio-driven Top 20 Billboard success of the single "The Mummers' Dance", which became a worldwide hit. U.S. sales awards also include two platinum certifications for sales of over one million copies (*The Mask and Mirror*, *The Visit*).
- Italian sales awards include silver certification for *An Ancient Muse*. Australian sales awards include gold certification for *Nights from the Alhambra*. Gold, platinum and multi-platinum sales awards in Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, New Zealand, Spain and Turkey.
- Grammy Nominierung, Best Contemporary World Music Album 2007, for *An Ancient Muse*
- North American Folk Alliance Award, World Music Recording of the Year 2008, for *An Ancient Muse*
- Juno Award nominee, Music DVD of the Year 2008, for *Nights from the Alhambra*
- Billboard International Achievement Award, 1997
- Juno Award, Best Roots/Traditional Album 1994, for *The Mask And Mirror*
- Juno Award, Best Roots/Traditional Album 1992, for *The Visit*

### Performances

- Loreena has performed hundreds of concerts around the world.
- She was a guest performer for HRH Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip at the Golden Jubilee Celebrations, Manitoba, Canada 2002.

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### Composition and music use for theatre and film

- Original music for *The Merchant of Venice*, The Stratford Festival of Canada, 2001
- Original music for the National Film Board of Canada Studio D documentary series *Women And Spirituality*, 1985-1989
- Film soundtrack contributions include Hollywood productions *Tinker Bell*, *Highlander III* and *The Santa Clause*, Jean-Claude Lauzon's feature film *Léolo* and the Canadian/Venezuelan feature film *Una Casa Con Vista Al Mar*
- Television soundtrack use includes TNT's miniseries *The Mists of Avalon* (2001), *Due South*, *Northern Exposure*

### Awards and honours

- Honourary Degree for Bachelor of Applied Business, Financial Services, George Brown College (Toronto, Canada), June 2010
- Honourary Colonel of Canadian Air Force 435 Search and Rescue and Transport Squadron, Winnipeg, Canada, December 2006
- Honourary Doctor of Laws, Queen's University (Kingston, Canada), October 2005
- Honourary Doctor of Laws, University of Manitoba (Canada), June 2005
- Canadian Ambassador, Hans Christian Andersen Bicentenary, June 2005
- Member of the Order of Canada, July 2004
- Order of Manitoba (Canada), July 2003
- Commemorative Medal for the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, 2003
- Honourary Doctor of Letters, Wilfrid Laurier University (Waterloo, Canada), November 2002

### Charitable enterprises

- Founder of The Cook-Rees Memorial Fund For Water Search And Safety in 1998, which has raised nearly \$4 million (Can.) for water safety education and research. A major portion of the money raised came from sales of the Loreena McKennitt recording, *Live in Paris and Toronto*.
- Donated proceeds raised through sales of *Live in Paris and Toronto* in Turkey and Greece to the earthquake relief funds of the Red Crescent Turkey and the Hellenic Red Cross respectively.
- Purchased Falstaff School in Stratford, Canada in 2000 and, in 2002, founded the Falstaff Family Centre, which offers facilities to volunteer and not-for-profit community and family groups.
- Established The Three Oaks Foundation, a charitable organization that supports cultural, environmental, historical and social groups.

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### Discographie

#### » CDs

- *Troubadours On The Rhine* (Quinlan Road, 2011)
- *The Wind that Shakes the Barley* (Quinlan Road, 2010)
- *A Mediterranean Odyssey* (Quinlan Road, 2009)
- *A Midwinter Night's Dream* (Quinlan Road, 2008)
- *An Ancient Muse* (Quinlan Road 2006)
- *Live in Paris and Toronto* (Quinlan Road, 1999)
- *The Book of Secrets* (Quinlan Road, 1997)
- *A Winter Garden: Five Songs for the Season* (Quinlan Road, 1995)
- *The Mask and Mirror* (Quinlan Road, 1994)
- *The Visit* (Quinlan Road, 1991)
- *Parallel Dreams* (Quinlan Road, 1989)
- *To Drive the Cold Winter Away* (Quinlan Road, 1987)
- *Elemental* (Quinlan Road, 1985)

#### » DVDs

- *A Moveable Musical Feast* (Quinlan Road, 2008)
- *Nights from the Alhambra* (DVD/two CD set, Quinlan Road, 2007)
- *No Journey's End* (Quinlan Road, 1994)