



Amanda Rogers

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"Heartwood", the title of Amanda Rogers 6th solo record release, is an impressive follow-up to her 2005 e.p. release, "Something Borrowed, Something Blue". After spending 2 years on the road in a veg-powered r.v., writing and performing with a rock n' roll band, her new found poise and confidence is very much apparent on this latest record. "Heartwood" is a polished and yet raw recording showcasing Roger's skills as a clever lyricist, versatile songwriter, and impassioned songstress.

Amanda teamed-up with producer friend Warren Huart (The Fray, Howie Day, Anna Nalick, Augustana) who brought in Dan Rothchild (Tonic, producer for Better than ezra, bass player for Fiona Apple, Beck, Shakira, amongst many others) for vocal production and bass. They were then accompanied by David Levita (Alanis Morissette, Jewel) on guitar and Travis McNabb (drummer for Better Than Ezra) on drums. This fantastic five laid down the tracks using a live organic approach and the musicianship and camaraderie is felt throughout the whole record. Jay Clifford (Jump Little Children) was later brought in for string arrangements with his own wonderful team of string players to add some finishing touches. "Heartwood" was mixed by Mark Needham (The Killers, Fleetwood Mac, My Chemical Romance). From song and voice to arrangement and production, you hear every thoughtful nuance of each note and feel the excitement and magic that was felt by all who took part.

This album reveals Amanda's continued growth as an artist...where she used to sing as if it were only meant for one listener, with these songs it sounds as if she means for the world to hear it. "Heartwood" is a record you listen to from start to finish and by the end you are left satisfied and smiling.

