

Echoes of the Trail Benefit Performance – September 19th

A beautiful and talented 17-year-old woman is coming to Fort Scott September 19th to perform in the new Danny and Willa Ellis Family Fine Arts Center at Fort Scott

Community college. She goes by first name only, *Adrian*, and can write and belt out songs that belie her youth. According to Judy Howser, Echoes of the Trail organizer, Adrian's lyrics would make an excellent book of cowboy poetry. Howser says Adrian writes of life on the trail in the 1900s as well as how it is to herd cattle and work on a ranch in the present day. She writes from experience on ranches in Elko County, Nevada and in California.

This young woman recorded her first CD at the age of 14, and her song *The Will James Days* was listed as "One of the 13 Best Cowboy Songs of All Time" in the April edition of *Western Horseman* magazine! Hear a portion of her music on her web site, www.buckarogirl.com.

She sings acoustic folk/country music with hardcore lyrics that are influenced equally by her having grown up on ranches throughout the West, and her early childhood in Europe. Adrian's style of writing and singing has been compared to Bob Dylan, Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers and Jewel. She has sung opera and played classical piano, yet just Adrian and her acoustic guitar sound like a cowgirl with 30 years of experience riding and singing cowboy music. She sings ballads as well as swing, blues-type music, and she can yodel, too! According to Howser, young people and older folks all find her irresistible.

Almost as soon as Adrian's debut album *Highway 80* was released, people started clamoring for more, and the press wanted interviews! Adrian has had extensive radio, newspaper and television coverage throughout California, Nevada and Utah and her song "Winter Blues" was in the Top 40 for over six months on songplanet.com. You can hear and see one of her interviews on her web site. She has appeared with Baxter Black, Red Steagall, and other well-known cowboy performers, and Echoes of the Trail organizers hope her second CD also will be available for sale at FSCC September 19th.

Adrian will be in Branson in September and has agreed to do a benefit for Echoes of the Trail while she is in the area! This will be a performance young and old won't want to miss. Tickets will be on sale at Country Cupboard, 12 N. Main St., Fort Scott, KS, by mail to 2280 Hackberry Rd., Fort Scott, KS 66701, or at the door. Tickets are \$10, and FSCC students with valid student ID will be admitted for \$7 each. All proceeds will go toward Echoes of the Trail 2010.

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