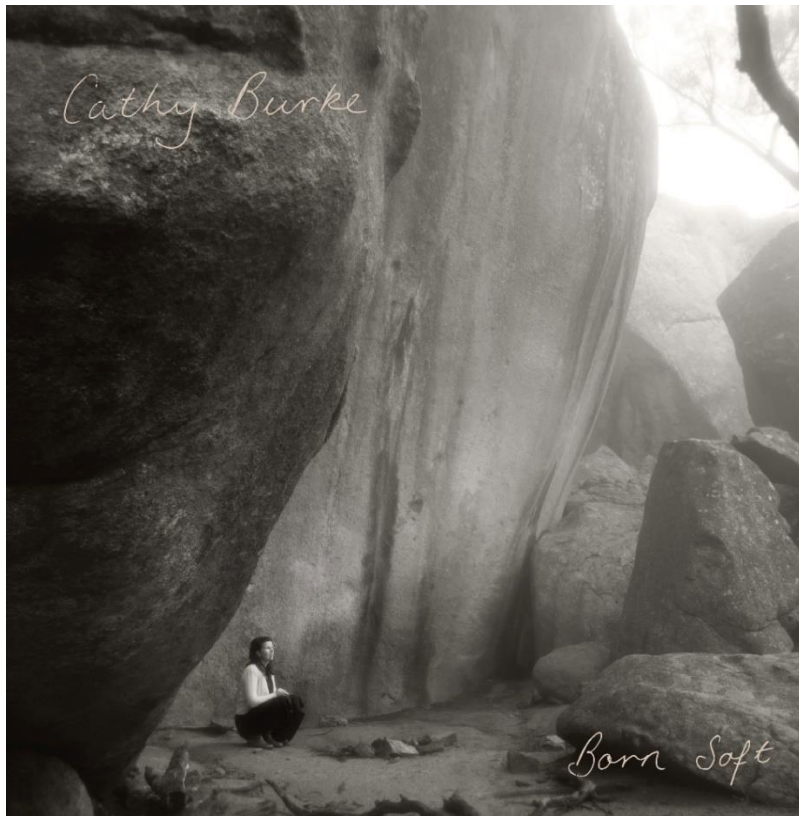


# Cathy Burke

## Born Soft - debut solo album tour

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Cathy makes music from another time, her own time. Steeped in tradition yet forging her own sound, she ushers songs which are both familiar and formless. Using simple frailing style banjo spun with melodic vocals, her music is full and whole, yet spacious. Cathy is drawn to performance, as a moment to unravel her identity and leave it neatly folded on the stage floor, every time with a little less ego and a little more of the essence that is all of us. She gently invites her audiences on this inward journey.

***Born Soft***, Cathy's debut solo album, features sisters-in-law **Cathy Burke** on banjo and vocals, and renowned musician, **Kate Burke** on fiddle and backing vocals, and was recorded live to tape at **Sound Recordings**. Launched at the Guildford Music Hall to a sell-out crowd, it is, unwittingly, a yearning for returning home, unknown where or what that is. Each track is a moth wing, beauty paired with simplicity, the sublime and unremarkable sitting together, as they do. ***Born Soft***, available on cd, vinyl and digital download, is simultaneously fresh and like something unearthed from the National Sound Archives.

## **Praise for Cathy's performances**

Audiences:

*"...I had to get in touch because your performance last night was one of the most beautiful and affecting evenings I have ever had the privilege to attend. Heartachingly good. The space in your spare, sensitive songwriting gave me pause to reflect and to feel, and there is so much wisdom in your playing. Intricate but never overwrought. So impressed, too, by the depth of emotion radiating from your audience in that perfect little music hall. I can't thank you enough for the profound gift of your music last night. It felt like the very substance of yourself was being laid bare up there on that stage, so that everyone there could better know the stuff that they are made of. I was - and am - utterly blown away. Thank you again. Much appreciation for your beautiful self. Very glad I know you. xx"*

*"You killed it! ...The songs are superbly crafted, witty, poetic, human, and really true and raw. I loved it."*

*"A wonderful, beautiful, magical evening! We enjoyed each pure moment. More, please!"*

*"I felt like we'd been invited into Cathy's soul"*

*"When Cathy starts playing, even in noisy places it doesn't take long before you can hear a pin drop"*

*"... simply stunning ... Thank you for a soul and heart filling experience. I could watch and listen to you all day"*

*"...an amazing gig... I was taken away to so many places...The spirit in the room was beautiful, the performance flawless, generous, diverse and a reflection of so many stories and emotions. I had tears, smiles and plenty of warm fuzzy feelings!"*