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Americana-Jazz Singer Songwriter Gwen Hughes Releases New Album *Native Land* on July 1

Atlanta-based americana-jazz singer songwriter Gwen Hughes is set to release her latest album, <u>Native Land</u>, on Friday, July 1 from Zoho Music. More information on Hughes and the upcoming album can be found at <u>www.gwenhughes.com</u>.

The 11 tracks on *Native Land* are exceptional examples of the craft of composition. Hughes writes stirring lyrics, sets them to well-contoured chord progressions, and brings the words to life with her exquisite voice. **A Soundcloud link to review the album can be found below.**

In addition to Native Land, Hughes has released six albums on Fairfield Records, starting with *Torch Life* in the 1990s up until her last album, *Dancing in the Moonlight*, recorded with her European band, Mono, featuring the greatest hits of their ten years of touring Eastern Europe.

Along the way, she has crooned from Paris to Istanbul, collaborated on a film about Elvis impersonators (*We Three Kings*), and appeared as a character in a detective novel (Phillip DePoy's, *Dancing Made Easy*, published by Dell.) In 2016, Gwen performed in Prague at the invitation of Emil Viklicky, the Czech Republic's national jazz legend.

Gwen's acting and music have been featured in such television series as Tyler Perry's **House of Payne** to Travel Channel's **Faked Out**. As a songwriter, her tunes have been in films such as **The Love Orchard** (2012), **Crazy Eyes** (2012), and on television shows including **Man vs. Wild** (Discovery Channel) and **Big Ang** (VH1). Most recently, Gwen can be seen in episodes of Tyler Perry's **If Loving You Is Wrong** and the

upcoming **Dead Silent** on Investigation Discovery. She recently wrote the theme music for the new web series, **Good Samaritans**.

Offstage, Gwen is Board Governor with **The Recording Academy**, as well as **Atlanta's Grammy Foundation** Ambassador (which preserves the American music heritage). She was also the **Johnny Mercer** "Artist in Residence" with the former GA Music Hall of Fame and instructor for The **Otis Redding** Foundation Songwriter Camp

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