

# Alice Howe & Freebo

To hear **Alice Howe** sing is to be enraptured by the natural, unaffected beauty of her voice. There's no artifice, no histrionics — just honest, authentic, emotionally resonant singing in the tradition of the roots music that shaped her.

On *Circumstance*, her second and latest album, the Los Angeles-based singer-songwriter guitarist displays her vocal prowess and introspective writing in abundance, mining both her heart and her musical tastes for a deep, personal journey across an Americana soundscape dotted with blues, folk, country, soul and rock. Recorded in two sessions at the legendary Fame Studios in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, where Etta James and Wilson Pickett once shook the walls, the record channels their spirits with 11 stirring tracks that pull no punches diving into the vagaries of the heart and her own personal journey. As an old soul inside a 30-something millennial, Alice puts her stamp on Americana's venerable strands with 10 standout originals evoking both the classic singer-songwriters and the seminal music that once filled airwaves, roadhouses and juke joints.

*Circumstance* follows her debut 2019 album *Visions* and the earlier EP *You've Been Away So Long*, both of which led to being dubbed a rising star in the folk world. Now, she has built on that success, expanding her horizons and continuing along the path that began long ago in Newton, Massachusetts with her absorbing her parents' eclectic record collection. Produced and arranged by her creative partner, Freebo, a veteran bass player and former Bonnie Raitt band member, *Circumstance* presents a powerful, poetic collection of heartfelt expression — **Alice Howe's** answer to the call that keeps whispering in her ear.

**Freebo** is best known for his decade of touring and recording with Bonnie Raitt, and has distinguished himself as one of the great bassists of our time, playing on records with CSN, Maria Muldaur, John Mayall, Ringo Starr, Dr. John, and Neil Young as well as appearing on Saturday Night Live, The Midnight Special, The Muppet Show, and in concert with the legendary Spinal Tap. Not willing to simply rest on those achievements, **Freebo** delved more deeply into his creativity and has become a highly regarded singer/songwriter, now working on his 6th full-length solo CD. A multi award winner and finalist in numerous songwriting contests, **Freebo's** music reflects his compassionate concern for the world and people around him, and his lyrics and open stage banter have helped him connect with listeners worldwide. A live musical experience with **Freebo** is astute, insightful, clever, and truly melodic.

**Alice Howe** and **Freebo** present a unique study in contrasts, bringing together a rising voice in Americana music and a venerable rock, folk, and blues icon. Each a compelling performer in their own right, they both lead and support each other in their well-crafted songs with flawless harmonies and tasteful instrumentation.

*"When these two get together, prepare yourself for an extraordinary evening of song and smiles, and maybe a tear or two. Powerful songwriting combined with mesmerizing vocals, outstanding musicianship and a palpable camaraderie make for an experience unsurpassed on the contemporary acoustic scene!"* - Ron Olesko, Folk Music Notebook, WFDU-FM



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