

MORPHIUS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH EMPEROR/CARGO RECORDS UK, IS PLEASED TO PRESENT

# SOPHIE BARKER "EARTHBOUND" CD



## SOPHIE BARKER EARTHBOUND

Cat#: EMPCD001

Format: CD

Price: \$8.49

Street Date: 05/30/06

Barcode: 5024545338621



### TRACK LISTING

1. Secret
2. Stop me
3. Dreamlife
4. Wintertime
5. On My Way Home
6. Start Me
7. Angel
8. Stumble

### FOR FANS OF SINEAD O'CONNOR, ENYA, MADELEINE PEYROUX

"This album is summed up by one word.  
Essential." – The Sun

"Sophie's voice grabs you from the start and gently delivers you to that welcome relaxed state of mind and body."

– Blues Soul (awarded it "album of the month")

"An album so gorgeously sublime, it lives in the stars"  
– Gay Times

### OVERVIEW

Sophie Barker, one of the UK's finest live acoustic performers and a massively talented songwriter, is finally set to release her debut solo album *Earthbound*. Sophie is best known for her work writing and singing on **Zero 7**'s two hugely successful albums, *Simple Things* and *When It Falls*. Sophie co-authored several of their biggest hits, including "Destiny", "In The Waiting Line", and "Spinning," and toured extensively with Zero 7 during the last three years. In addition to her work with Zero 7, Sophie also wrote and performed with the likes of **Grooverider** and then with **Groove Armada** on their million selling album *Vertigo*.

On her new album *Earthbound*, Sophie brings us an undeniably beautiful collection of eight heartfelt songs, some of which are solo acoustic. The album was written and produced with **Cocteau Twin** Robin Guthrie. Delivered in refreshingly raw fashion, the album showcases her flair for good old-fashioned song-writing and performance skills. As anyone who has witnessed her in a live context can attest, her talent is entirely natural and when seen in the flesh, truly inspiring. *Earthbound* gets as near as possible to capturing that innate magic on record, and as such is a must for any fan of honest musical ability.

What is most remarkable about Sophie's career is that the ethereal vocal style that made her voice such a natural partner for the delicate funk of Zero 7 works just as effectively alongside the heavier dance tracks she sang for Groove Armada. Amazingly, her voice works even better in the acoustic landscapes that pervade *Earthbound*. Such versatility is testament to critics praise of Sophie as one of Europe's greatest vocal talents, now available for the first time in North America.

### SELLING POINTS

- Three of Sophie's previous albums have sold more than a million copies each, including both **Zero 7** albums she sang on and co-wrote, as well as the album she recorded with **Groove Armada**. Zero 7's most recent CD sold 200,000 copies in the U.S. All three of these releases remain among the top sellers in the UK and Europe on Amazon and in stores.
- This album was written and produced with **Cocteau Twin** Robin Guthrie, who also contributes some stunning guitar work on several tracks.
- Sophie will be doing a solo tour of the U.S. shortly after the North American release of this album.
- Features on this album have already run in major European publications such as *Mojo*, *Q*, *Uncut*, *DJ*, *Mixmag*, *Elle*, *The Times*, *Time Out*, *The Observer*, and many others. It is being serviced for a full U.S. press campaign by Morpheus Records' in house publicity department, headed by Simeon Walunas.
- Advertisements and listening stations will run in various magazines coordinated with this release.

emperör CARGO RECORDS



Exclusively Distributed in North America by Morpheus Records, Inc.  
(this title not available for European Export)

100 E. 23rd St., Baltimore, MD 21218 info@morpheus.com www.morpheus.com  
410-662-0112 tel. 410-662-0116 fax distributor rep: matt@morpheus.com