



**DAVE MENARD**

## ESCAPE: 'Green' SUV, with all the trimmings

THE BIGGEST KNOCK on SUVs has always been that they're not good for the environment; they use up too much gas and they pollute the air more than standard cars.

Even so, some drivers want the extra room and towing capacity they can only get with an SUV, even if it means shelling out a little (or a lot) more on gas than the average car owner.

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Gasoline/electric hybrid vehicles have been around for a few years now, the most famous being the Toyota

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The Ford Escape Hybrid Limited offers a hushed ride and spectacular fuel economy.

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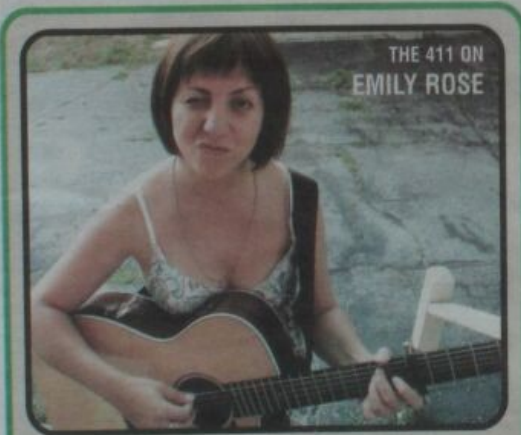
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# EMILY ROSE

*Soulful songstress is more wolf than wildflower; 'the ideas for all of my songs come from within me'*



THE 411 ON  
EMILY ROSE

**Future plans:** "I've decided to stop making plans."

**Songwriting inspiration:** "I'm influenced by nature and human experiences."

**Likes:** "Bright, bright yellow, color of the sun."

**Dislikes:** Eggplant "weird texture", doughnuts "disgusting", rain "I don't like it." Most importantly, "when freedom is restricted."

**Buy the CD:** At [emilyrosemusic.com](http://emilyrosemusic.com).  
**Reach Emily Rose:** [myspace.com/rose4emily](http://myspace.com/rose4emily).

ON EMILY ROSE'S MySpace page, two huge dark eyes peek out from a face partially covered wealth of black hair, so that the casual observer might be forgiven for thinking that she is one of the delicate school of folk/indie music.

But they would be wrong. She is one tough cookie, and, as she says, she feels a natural affiliation with wolves, saying one fantasy goal would be "to join a pack of wild wolves."

And how is her career going?

Her MySpace page sums up last year as such:

In 2008, I self released a full-length album called "Cocoon Stew," opened for nationally renowned recording artists, Amos Lee [a singer-songwriter and guitarist who has toured with Bob Dylan, Elvis Costello, Norah Jones, Paul Simon and



**KAREN HUNT**

Macomb Music Scene

Merle Haggard) and Matthew Good [lead singer for the Matthew Good Band, a well-known Canadian alternative rock band], completed two U.S. tours and managed to only have one rather prevalent emotional breakdown.

And this year, she won the coveted Detroit Music Award for Acoustic/Folk Songwriter.

"She's very folksy, but she's indie, says her personal assistant, Aimée Easton. She's a mix of folk and angry girl music. Emily refuses to be categorized."

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**Lyrics from Eggs n Bacon**

by Emily Rose

Feel like a dog  
Prowling in a cage  
I feel imprisoned here  
I feel exhausted  
I feel I always fit  
in the corner  
Of a room  
Many things between us  
Obstructing your view  
I feel like I'll never really  
love you  
I feel like a side dish  
I'm producing your pain  
Shit your eggs n bacon,  
Baby  
Shit your chocolate cake  
You're in the house behind  
everything you do  
Ah, I'll admit really love you  
but it's only a matter  
of time  
Before she returns  
And I really mean  
And it means fuck  
But for you  
I'll deny the revolution  
I feel like a side dish  
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your pain  
Shit your eggs n bacon,  
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Ah, I'll admit really love you