



RACHAEL YAMAGATA RETURNS WITH NEW STUDIO ALBUM – *CHESAPEAKE* – DUE FOR RELEASE ON HER OWN FRANKENFISH RECORDS ON OCTOBER 11, 2011

YAMAGATA WILL HIT THE ROAD OCTOBER 24, 2011

THANKS TO DEVOTED FANS PLEDGEMUSIC CAMPAIGN EXCEEDS TARGET GOAL

LOS ANGELES, CA – August 2, 2011 - Acclaimed singer-songwriter, Rachael Yamagata, will release *Chesapeake*, her first studio album in three years on October 11, 2011. The album, produced by John Alagia, producer of Yamagata's *Happenstance* album as well as albums from Liz Phair, Dave Matthews Band and Jsaon Mraz, will be self-released on her very own Frankenfish Records. Twelve days following the release of *Chesapeake*, Yamagata will hit the road on an extensive tour of the United States starting on October 24th in Portland, Maine at the Port City Music Hall and wind down on December 22nd in New York City at City Winery (Dates Below).

For *Chesapeake*, Yamagata recruited her "dream team" consisting of Victor Indrizzo (Sheryl Crow) on drums, guitarists Mike Viola (Candy Butchers), Michael Chaves (John Mayer), and Kevin Salem, (Dump Truck, Yo La Tengo), cellist Oli Kraus (Sia, Duffy) and Tom Freund on the upright bass. The result is an eclectic collection of songs projecting Yamagata's newfound optimism and hopefulness, showcasing her sultry and smoky voice, rich, layered harmonies, striking ballads and soulful grooves.

"The songs on *Chesapeake* were collectively inspired by the people in the room," said Yamagata. "I insisted on a creative scenario that became only about the music makers themselves, giving it a spirit of generosity in the music making which made it easy to tap into a 'flow'. When it was right, we all knew it was right. There was a balance that gave these songs a lift and yet still retained their richness. Magic maybe."

Listeners can get a taste of what's to come by downloading the song "Starlight" by visiting <http://snd.sc/n6ajQf>.

Yamagata also teamed up with PledgeMusic (www.pledgemusic.com), the leading international direct-to-fan platform for musicians raising funds to record and tour. On July 7th, Yamagata launched her PledgeMusic Campaign (www.pledgemusic.com/projects/rachaelyamagata), and thanks to a devoted global fan-base she quickly exceeded her goal.

"It was a leap of faith to trust that all of the pieces would somehow fall together even if it seemed we were crazy. And they did," adds Yamagata. "I am grateful beyond words to my fans and PledgeMusic who have helped bring *Chesapeake* to life."

Praised by critics for her intimately confessional songwriting and arrangements, Rachael released her last album, *Elephants...Teeth Sinking Into Heart* on Warner Bros. Records in October of 2008. Entertainment Weekly called her delivery "Gorgeous" and Rolling Stone said her "soulful, cigarette-scratched voice and melancholy lyrics recall Fiona Apple and PJ Harvey." She toured extensively in support of the album playing to crowds throughout the United States, Europe and Asia. The New York Times hailed "With a deep, melancholy, breathy alto and a fondness for slow, sparsely chorded songs, Ms. Yamagata has a lot in common with Fiona Apple, Norah Jones and

Sarah McLachlan. And in her upbeat moments she can sound like a fuller-voiced Liz Phair or a

less volatile Chrissie Hynde." Songs from the album appeared in various television programs and films including *Greys Anatomy*, *Private Practice*, *Brothers and Sisters* and more. She also made an appearance in the season finale of *30 Rock* in 2009.

Yamagata emerged in 2005 when songs from *Happenstance* and her self-titled debut EP, turned up in such films and television shows as *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, *In Her Shoes*, *Prime*, *How I Met Your Mother*, *Nip/Tuck*, *One Tree Hill*, and *The O.C.*, on which she made a guest performance. The single "Worn Me Down" was a Top 5 Hit at AAA Radio. She also appeared on albums by Ryan Adams, Ray LaMontagne, Jason Mraz, Bright Eyes, and Mandy Moore. Her tours have included runs with Adams, LaMontagne, Moore, Liz Phair, Gomez, and Sara Bareilles, as well as playing shows with Pete Townsend, Aimee Mann, David Gray, Damien Rice, and Air.

This August, Yamagata will appear on the soundtrack to *The Muppets* with her version of Gonzo's "I'm Going To Go Back There Someday."

RACHAEL YAMAGATA 2011 TOUR DATES

OCTOBER

24 th	Portland, ME	Port City Music Hall
25 th	Burlington, VT	Higher Ground Lodge
27 th	Ithaca, NY	Deliah's
28 th	Northampton, MA	Iron Horse
30 th	Boston, MA	Brighton Music Hall
31 st	Philadelphia, PA	World Café Live

NOVEMBER

1 st	Washington, DC	Birchmere
2 nd	Baltimore, MD	Sound Stage
4 th	Brooklyn, NY	Knitting Factory
5 th	Pittsburgh, PA	Club Café
6 th	Cleveland, OH	Beachland Ballroom (Small Room)
7 th	Detroit, MI	St Andrews Hall
8 th	Chicago, IL	Logan Square
10 th	Milwaukee, WI	Turner Ballroom
11 th	Minneapolis, MN	Fine Line
12 th	Davenport, IA	Redstone Room
14 th	Kansas City, KS	Record Bar
16 th	Denver, CO	Larimer Lounge
18 th	Salt Lake City, UT	State Room
20 th	Spokane, WA	A Club
21 st	Vancouver, BC	Media Club
22 nd	Seattle, WA	Crocodile
23 rd	Portland, OR	Doug Fir
25 th	San Francisco, CA	Slim's
27 th	San Diego, CA	Casbah
29 th	Los Angeles, CA	Troubadour
30 th	Phoenix, AZ	Crescent Ballroom

DECEMBER

2 nd	Austin, TX	Parish
3 rd	Houston, TX	Fitzgerald's Upstairs
4 th	Dallas, TX	The Loft
5 th	Tulsa, OK	Cain's Ballroom – 2 nd Stage
7 th	St. Louis, MO	Blueberry Hill
8 th	Nashville, TN	12 th and Porter
9 th	Birmingham, AL	Work Play
10 th	Atlanta, GA	Vinyl
12 th	Charleston, SC	New Brookland Tavern
13 th	Charlotte, NC	Visulite Theatre
15 th	Chapel Hill, NC	Local 506
16 th	Charlottesville, VA	The Southern
17 th	Louisville, KY	Headliners
18 th	Columbus, OH	The Basement
20 th	Hoboken, NJ	Maxwell's
21 st	New York, NY	City Winery
22 nd	New York, NY	City Winery

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