



Johnette Napolitano of Concrete Blonde to Issue Solo LP

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Coming May 29 is Concrete Blonde frontwoman Johnette Napolitano's official debut as a solo artist: titled *Scarred* (Hybrid Recordings), it will feature ten original songs plus covers of Coldplay's "The Scientist" (recorded with Danny Lohner, of Nine Inch Nails/A Perfect Circle) and the Velvet Underground's "All Tomorrow's Parties." She'll also be touring behind the record beginning, preemptively, in late April.

Technically speaking, it's not the powerful-throated singer's initial solo bow; she recently self-released a series of limited edition discs, *Sketchbook* and *Sketchbook 2*, both of which quickly sold out on CD Baby. (Napolitano has also placed tunes in films, including "Who's Holding You Now" for *Dead Silence*, "Suicide Note" for *Underworld* and "The Scientist" for the *Wicker Park* soundtrack.) But *Scarred* will mark the first time she's been marketed and promoted as a solo artist, and it's described as "a self portrait with layers of Johnette throughout every song.... Her signature voice has long held its own along side rock 'n' roll's leading ladies. Powered with raw emotion and throaty intensity, Johnette continues to astound with her evocative vocals and lyrics."

Concrete Blonde was a mainstay of the late '80s/early '90s L.A. music scene, a big hit at college radio as well as MTV (notably for the ballad "Joey" and its accompanying, evocative video). The band split after the album *Mexican Moon* in '94 but got back some years later, issuing *Group Therapy* in 2002 and *Mojave* in 2004. Over the years Napolitano also worked with Steve Wynn, Holly Vincent (as Vowel Movement), Marc Moreland (as Pretty and Twisted, and as The (Talking) Heads). She has also established a successful career as a gallery artist, having studied art in Mexico and Spain. In addition,

she contributed vocals to an upcoming Danny Lohner and Wes Borland (former Limp Bizkit guitarist) project titled Black Light Burns, to be released later this year.

Johnette Napolitano Tour Dates:

4/27 Café Du Nord San Francisco, CA
4/29 John Henry's Eugene, OR
5/1 Berbati's Pan Portland, OR
5/4 The Triple Door Seattle, WA
5/16 Canal Room New York, NY
5/18 Paradise Lounge Boston, MA
5/21 World Café Live Upstairs Philadelphia, PA
5/22 Ramshead Tavern Annapolis, MD
5/24 Club Café Pittsburgh, PA
5/26 House of Crave Columbus, OH
5/29 3rd & Lindsley Nashville, TN
5/31 Blueberry Hill St. Louis, MO
6/3 The Abbey Chicago, IL
6/4 Varsity Theater Minneapolis, MN