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Belle Plaine to Debut New Single at ‘The Brawler’s Ball’ Sat May 26 at the Cathedral Village Arts Festival



May 7 2012 - Regina’s ‘Best Singer’ Belle Plaine earned the **#3** spot on the **Iearshot National Jazz Chart** with the release of her first full length album *Notes From A Waitress* earlier this year. On Sat May 26th she will release a new stand-alone single with pedal-steel band, **The Lazy MKs**. The launch party is in Regina at The Artesian in a genre-crossing capstone performance at the **Cathedral Village Arts Festival**. The evening also marks the beginning of her first cross-Canada tour.

Saturday May 26th @ The Artesian - FREE shows:

9:00-9:45 Belle Plaine Trio

Belle Plaine’s own brand of jazz fusion unites swing with vintage country and feminine pop. This performance marks the beginning of the **‘Two for the Road’** cross-Canada tour.

10:05-10:50 “The Brawler’s Ball” - Belle Plaine with The Lazy MKs

This event will launch the new single *Brawlers* as well as feature a collection of classic country-rock songs sung by Belle and backed by The Lazy MKs. Expect to hear tunes made famous by Buck Owens, Loretta Lynn, Emmylou Harris, The Flying Burrito Brothers and Townes Van Zandt. Guest appearances will include Anna Rose and members of **The Lonesome Weekends**. The show has a barn-dance theme and two-stepping will be encouraged.

“The Lazy MKs invited me to jam with them when I was just starting out in the Regina music scene. We became close friends over the last few years while working on each other’s projects. In the same way that our work has brought us closer as a band, I believe creative collaboration builds healthy and strong communities.” - Belle Plaine

Brawlers was written by Belle about an incident at a raucous bar in rural Saskatchewan. She was on the road with The Lazy MKs at the time and claims the

track is the truest love song she's ever written – a complicated statement given that it's about eight men. Backed by a honky-tonk piano and steel guitar, she sings the tale:

*"Small town brawlers out for the night.
Size up the out of towners and are fixin' for a fight.
Dollars and quarters plug the box, set the mood.
And the fists come out in the middle of the crowd
Just when the jukebox plays my tune."*

Belle Plaine and The Lazy MKs recorded *Brawlers* with local producer/engineer **Orion Paradis of SoulSound Recording**.

Brawlers will be released via iTunes and Bandcamp Wed. May 22nd and debuted live at The Artesian Sat. May 26th 10pm.

About Belle Plaine

Belle Plaine's sweetly powerful vocals and sharp songwriting earned her debut album **Notes From A Waitress** the **#3** position on the **leashot National Jazz Chart** and **#1** on Edmonton, Ottawa and Lethbridge Jazz charts in early 2012. She has also attracted the favourable attention of CBC Radio 3 host **Grant Lawrence**, a spot at the **Regina Folk & Ness Creek Festivals** and earned the titles of **Best Singer** (2010 & 2011) and **Best Solo Act** (2011) by Regina's Prairie Dog magazine. She released her first EP **Hello from Belle Plaine** in May 2011 and continues to tour and receive regular airplay on CBC and community radio.

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Music & Lyrics: <http://belleplaine.bandcamp.com/releases>

CBC Radio 2 CBC Radio 2 Concert on Demand: <http://www.cbc.ca/radio2/cod/concerts/20101029belle>

"Her voice sounds timeless, somehow equally sultry, seductive, fragile, and dusky while still capable of room-filling bombast when the moment calls for it."

- Sound Salvation Army

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