

Deidre McCalla

ENDLESS GRACE

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Deidre McCalla doesn't merely take the stage - she owns it. Her songs embody hope and celebration, struggle, loss, and longing - sometimes all in one song!

Deidre McCalla - Black woman, mother, lesbian, feminist - has long been in the forefront of Black musicians redefining the understanding of how Black folk do folk. **Deidre** is riding high on her current release **ENDLESS GRACE** which dominated the **June 2022 Folk Radio Charts** as the **#1 Album** with the **#1 Song - *Shoulder To The Wheel*** and the **#3 Song - *I Do Not Walk This Path Alone***, and finished for the year as the **#13 Top Album**. **PopMatters**, **Rhythms Magazine**, and the **Folk Alley Listener Favorite's Poll** ranked **ENDLESS GRACE** among the **10 Best Folk Albums for 2022**. In 2023 **Deidre's** song ***Shoulder To The Wheel*** won the **19th Annual International Acoustic Music Award for Best Folk/Americana/Roots Song**.

Deidre McCalla learned at an early age that life begins with an acoustic guitar and her songwriting reveals an unyieldingly honest perspective expressed with a lyric touch that relentlessly celebrates the power and diversity of the human spirit.

Sing Out! praises **Deidre** as ***one of our generation's most important singer-songwriters*** and **The Austin-American Statesmen** describes her as ***a highly distinctive voice in a crowded field of contemporary folk music***. With five independent albums to her credit, **Deidre McCalla** has touched audiences from Maui to Maine, church basements and college coffeehouses to **Carnegie Hall**.

In 2021 **Deidre** received a **SERFA Award** from the **Southeast Regional Folk Alliance** for **distinguished service and exceptional contributions to folk music in the Southeast region of Folk Alliance International**. **Deidre McCalla's** first **Olivia Records** album **DON'T DOUBT IT** is included in the **LGBT Collection at the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of American History** and listed by **Ms Magazine** as one of **25 Classic Women's Music Albums**.