

Deidre McCalla

Short Bio

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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!

A Black woman, mother, lesbian, feminist, **Deidre McCalla** has long stood at the forefront of acoustic singer-songwriters reshaping expectations of how Black folk do folk. **Deidre's** songwriting carries an unyieldingly honest perspective expressed with a lyric touch that relentlessly celebrates the power and diversity of the human spirit. **Deidre McCalla** sings of the politics and passions that fuel our lives.

Deidre McCalla's most recent album, ***Endless Grace***, debuted at **#1** on the June 2022 **FAI Folk Radio Chart** and was named one of the **10 Best Folk Albums of 2022** by **PopMatters**, **Rhythms Magazine**, and the **Folk Alley Listener Favorites Poll**. In 2023 her song *Shoulder to the Wheel* won the **19th Annual International Acoustic Music Award** for **Best Folk/Americana/Roots Song** — making **Deidre McCalla** the first woman to win that category in **IAMA** history.

Sing Out! calls **Deidre McCalla** "*one of our generation's most important singer-songwriters*"