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JEN CHAPIN CONTEMPLATES PATRIOTISM ON JULY 2 CD/DVD RELEASE "LIGHT OF MINE"

To celebrate CD/DVD launch at New York's Joe's Pub on July
3 with The Chapin Sisters

Jen Chapin's new CD/DVD July 2, 2008 release **Light Of Mine** is a timely reflection on the meaning of patriotism. The musician-activist applies her formidable artistic insight to the repertoire of iconic songwriters such as David Bowie, Bruce Springsteen and John Lennon to explore notions of power and fear, resignation and protest. Two original compositions, *Insatiable* and *Lullabye*, underscore the message of the project, an affirmation of a growing movement away from the politics of fear towards the politics of possibility.

Chapin will perform with the critically acclaimed Rosetta Trio at Joe's Pub in New York City on Thursday, July 3, at 7 pm on a double bill with her cousins The Chapin Sisters.

Rosetta Trio players double bassist Stephan Crump and guitarists Jamie Fox and Liberty Ellman join Chapin on **Light of Mine** to cover *Backdrifts* by Radiohead, *American Skin (41 Shots)* by Bruce Springsteen, *Starman* by David Bowie, *Into the Mystic* by Van Morrison, *Everybody is a Star* by Sly Stone, *Born in the USA* by Bruce Springsteen, *Sunny Sunday* by Joni Mitchell, *Nobody Told Me* by John Lennon, *You Haven't Done Nothin'* by Stevie Wonder, plus the Chapin-penned tunes *Insatiable* and *Lullabye*. **Light of Mine** also contains a live concert DVD and three music videos.

Praised as "...soulfully poetic urban folk music", Jen Chapin's unique blend of funky folk and earthy jazz has earned her kudos from NPR, People Magazine, The Today Show, JazzTimes, among many other major media outlets. She has appeared on Late Nite with Conan O' Brien, has been honored by the USA Songwriting Competition, appeared on stage with Bruce Springsteen and opened for the likes of the Bruce Hornsby and the Neville Brothers.

Chapin's role as activist, educator and mother hold equal importance to her musical accomplishments. Her life-long involvement in WHY, an organization that supports innovative, community-based solutions to hunger and poverty, continues to have an urgent relevancy to today's headlines. She holds a BA in International Relations and has traveled and studied extensively in Mexico and Zimbabwe. In addition to a demanding concert tour schedule, Chapin presents workshops and lectures on music, lyric-writing and activism to college, community and church groups.

"Strange days indeed," writes Chapin in her album notes. "These times have brought us torture, wire-tapping, and a patriotism based on wearing lapel pins, shopping, and willful ignorance of the constitution. Fear (or just the fear of fear) has cramped our thoughts and perverted our decision-making into something unrecognizable. We resign ourselves to powerlessness and fall into the arms of the strongman. We wait for answers to fall out of the sky. We keep our defiance safely contained to our blog screens.

Or we remember to make some noise. We reclaim our own sparkling power and responsibility, and remember to seek the truth, to protest, to create a real future individually and collectively, and to dream."

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