

FORT NELSON - From humble beginnings starting with a high school talent contest in 1995, Emerson Drive was quick to become Canada's premiere country music band. The Grammynominated group has been associated with acts including Toby Keith, Shania Twain and Farmer's Daughter to name a few. Now, with their April 29th performance quickly approaching at the Phoenix Theatre, they'll be lending the stage

Local musician to open for Emerson Drive

to an up and coming musician local to Fort Nelson.

Jasmine Netsena's acoustic-roots sound mixes elements of folk and country delivered in a unique, soulful voice. She draws on her life experiences penning heartfelt, soulful narratives.

She has performed all over North America, from Canada's Arctic to New York and Nashville.

Travel is big part of Jasmine's life as an artist. Having grown up in Vancouver and her hometown Telegraph Creek, B.C. her family often moved between there and several other small towns along the highway.

She learned to love the road at a young age. Her musical journey started with her grandparents when they taught her traditional drum songs.

In the following years, she stud-

ied classical voice in Vancouver. Toronto and Ottawa. As a young woman, she was inspired by Neil Young's "Harvest Moon" album while driving one day from Ottawa to New York. She promptly bought a guitar and within a couple months was persuaded by a friend to perform her songs at an open mic in Manhattan. Jasmine's music has been featured on several radio and television broadcasts including CBC Winnipeg's radio show "The 204" and the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network event Rising Stars, Jasmine loves the North and has made it her home, for the past six years, living in Yellowknife, Whitehorse and recently returning to her roots in Fort Nelson.

She looks forward to recording her debut album this year. Jasmine will be opening for Emerson Drive on Sunday, April 29th at 8 p.m. with a performance not to be missed.