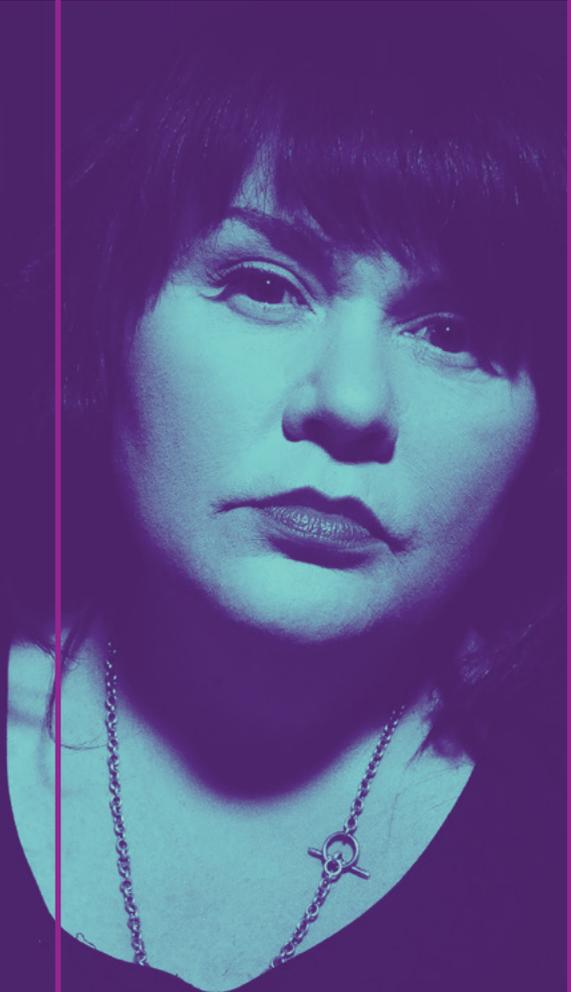


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Josie Doherty

A Journey of Soul and Song

Born in 1973 in Derry, Josie Doherty's musical journey began in the vibrant, music-filled atmosphere of her childhood. From belting out Jackson 5 hits at family parties to captivating schoolmates during rainy playtimes, it was clear from a young age that Josie was destined for the stage. Her talents were quickly recognized at age 9, when she was invited to join the Long Tower Folk Group by local legends Rita and Richard Moore, marking the start of her performances. As she grew, so did her passion for music bringing Josie to a world of sound beyond her wildest dreams, as she and her lifelong friend Bronagh would harmonise a cappella to Motown and Gospel classics. It was then Josie discovered her greatest inspiration: the legendary Aretha Franklin.

At 19, Josie made the bold move to Dublin, where she immersed herself in the city's vibrant music scene. Open mic nights at McDaid's and The International Bar became her playground, where she connected with fellow musicians and honed her craft. Her powerful voice and soulful style soon led her to perform with funk and soul bands, and she became a sought-after session singer, lending her voice to various artists' albums. Josie was soon performing at Ireland's most iconic venues, Whelan's to Slane Castle to the prestigious National Concert Hall.

In 1997, Josie achieved a major milestone in her career when she was asked to write and perform a song for Jim Sheridan's film *The Boxer*, starring Daniel Day-Lewis. But despite all her achievements, one of her most cherished memories remains a performance at the National Concert Hall, where her parents, both in poor health, watched her proudly from the audience. Her father's quiet declaration, "That's my daughter," remains one of Josie's most treasured moments.

Josie's song-writing process is as organic as her musical journey. Inspiration strikes in the most unexpected moments, with choruses often coming to her first, setting the foundation for her heartfelt lyrics. Now, with her children grown, Josie is stepping out of the shadows, ready to achieve her lifelong dream of recording her own music and sharing her unique voice with the world.

Josie Doherty's story is one of passion, perseverance, and a deep love for music that has carried her from a young girl in Derry to a celebrated artist on some of Ireland's most famous stages. Her journey continues as she captivates audiences with her soulful voice and heartfelt songs.

So together with her song-writing partner, life-long friend and guitarist, Joe Donegan, she's now ready to start sharing her unique voice with the world.

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