

## Q&A WITH AMY LACOUR

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**Amy LaCour**

Every week, bands and musicians you've never heard of come through Houston. Los Angeles-based **Amy LaCour** is likely one of those artists — she will be in town Thursday night at Avant Garden for a sort of inexplicable benefit for MD Anderson Cancer Center. You will also find art from Houston artist Paul Tankersley and a performance by spoken word artist Queen Sheba.

Back to **LaCour**. Just a few notes into the first song on her MySpace page and I was sold. It's not quite soul or jazz or folk, it's a delicious combination of all three set to a lovely, warm piano. **LaCour** answered a few questions while traveling on her first solo tour on her way to her first appearance in Houston:

### **29-95: Who are you?**

Amy LaCour: I am a singer-songwriter who fuses classic soul with folk and jazz and whatever else I can dig up.

### **29-95: Where are you from?**

AL: I grew up in Seattle and now reside in Los Angeles in a neighborhood called Los Feliz.

### **29-95: Have you been to Houston before?**

AL: Houston is the third stop on my first solo tour. This is my first trip to Texas!

### **29-95: Your voice is reminiscent of one of my favorite singer-songwriters, Gillian Welch, which is weird (good weird, of course!) because you're a soul singer-songwriter. Am I the only one who hears this?**

AL: I have never hear this before — but thank you! I love Gillian Welch and have even considered covering one of her songs like Ms. Ohio or some other.

### **29-95: What would you like to say to the hard-working folks of Houston, who are besieged by bad economic news just like everyone else, to get them to come out to your show?**

AL: Ahh, the economy. Well, my music is the kind to drown your sorrows to. The music goes well with cocktails and darkly-lit rooms. This time through I'll be performing at an art opening and benefit for cancer research, so this will give everyone a chance to forget their troubles in support of a great cause.

7 p.m. Thursday. Avant Garden, 411 Westheimer. Donations suggested.