

Abi Tapia – Bio

Abigail ‘Abi’ Tapia was born circa 1976 in Alabama, and up till the age of fifteen moved around the South Eastern states and Texas, as her mother pursued work and a college education. Eventually gaining a Doctorate in Music, these days Abi’s mother is a college professor based at Ohio Wesleyan University. Following graduation from high school, Abi enrolled as a Sociology major at Grinnell College, a private liberal arts college in Grinnell, Iowa. Circa 1998, she relocated to New England and Portland, Maine. While living in that region Abi recorded and self-released her debut album “**This Life Will Be Mine.**” Featuring twelve original songs, Abi was supported on the recording by her mother, Nancy Gamso [clarinet, piccolo]. Produced and engineered by Jeff Ciampa [bass], the other session players included Tony McClung [drums] and Jim Ed Cobbs [percussion].

In 2002 Tapia moved to Austin, Texas. In time she became host of the Open Mic held on Monday nights at UT’s Cactus Café. Tapia tours nationally and has performed in prestigious clubs such as Club Passim, The Bitter End, The Bluebird Café and Eddie’s Attic. In addition she has performed house concerts, played in libraries, and at open air summer festivals. Tapia was selected to play at the Ballad Tree at the 2003 Kerrville Folk Festival. In mid-May 2005 Tapia was one of the winners of singer/songwriter competition at the Wildflower Festival in Richardson, Texas. The other winners that year were Karen Mal [Austin, TX] and Ian Dickson [McKinney, TX].

Concurrent with her Wildflower success, Tapia’s self-released sophomore album “**One Foot Out The Door**” appeared. Produced by Chris Gage, the session players included Glen Fukunaga [bass], Paul Percy [drums], Brittani and Tiffani Ginn [harmony vocals], plus Kym Warner [mandolin] and Eamon McLoughlin [fiddle] of The Greencards. Also produced by Gage “**The Beauty In The Ruin,**” and again featuring twelve tracks, was released on MoonHouse Records during the summer of 2008.

Discography : “**This Life Will Be Mine**” [2001] ; “**One Foot Out The Door**” [2005] ; “**The Beauty In The Ruin**” [2008] :

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