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KAREN JACOBSEN SINGER SONGWRITER

Born Mackay, based NY. Jacobsen has opened for everyone from Norah Jones to Cyndi Lauper. Recently released her third record *Here In My Heart* in the US.

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"I'm not sure if it is to the souls of the people who came before me - the Irving Berlins, Carole Kings - but I feel innately connected to the Brill Building. It's no coincidence that I live a block away from that building, where so much creative energy existed for decades. All the publishers had offices there, so people would be rushing up the stairs, between floors, saying, 'I need a song for this person' ... I grew up in a place where nothing even remotely like that existed ... I started writing songs when I was seven and I knew that was what I wanted to do with my life. It just really blows me away that something like this existed.

It's the same sort of thing that led me to New York. Here you are filtering so much information and so many experiences non-stop. It really sharpens your senses. Or you can't stay here. I know people who had to leave because it's too much."



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