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KATE ROWE
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Cross MISSY HIGGINS with SARA STORER and you'll get KATE ROWE. Admittedly well steeped in folk, Kate's music also has a good dose of country added. Her newly released album *The Simplest Of Things* is deceptively light and airy, full of thought provoking self-written tracks – effortless light-hearted themes with heartfelt provocative cores. Very pictorial, tracks like *Family Outing* (where a pirate takes his kids on a trip) and *Catacombs* (which must be heard to be appreciated fully) take you to the places and people Kate describes musically. *Fred The Dog* is wildly funny – I'm never going to get it out of my mind! (Think *Schnappi - Das Kleine Krokodil - Hey Kate*, where is the YouTube clip?) *Don't Kiss Me* is extremely catchy. *Jindabyne*, recently awarded the BluFM89.1 Award for Outstanding Contribution to Country Music, is sweet and lovely. Kate Rowe is fresh and delightful – certainly a much needed shot in 'country's arm.'

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