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A talented multi-instrumentalist, Lizzy toured for ten years as a side musician before pursuing her own projects. She has been praised for her mastery of the fiddle, guitar and harp while her voice has been described as "otherworldly", "angelic" and "pure". Throughout her career, she has released four independent albums and two music videos.

Lizzy's fourth album **New Lady on the Prairie** (produced by John Reischman and Lizzy Hoyt) demonstrates a mature and refined 'trans-Atlantic' sound that blends influences from Celtic, bluegrass and folk traditions. The title track, inspired by Lizzy's great aunt immigrating to Canada from Ireland in the early 1900s, demonstrates her interest in historical songwriting and her ability to craft songs that are touching, poignant, and lyrically rich. The album was nominated for a **Canadian Folk Music Award**, **Western Canadian Award** and three **Independent Music Awards**. It was also named one of the Best Albums of 2014 by the **Indie Acoustic Project**.

Lizzy is a full-time musician who travels and tours throughout Canada during the year with her trio. She has performed at renowned folk festivals (Edmonton Folk Festival, Montreal Folk Festival, Goderich Celtic Roots Festivals), folk clubs (Calgary Folk Club, Nickelodeon Folk Club, Northern Lights Folk Club) and through performing arts networks across the country.