

## EP PRESS RELEASE

### Anja McCloskey: *Turn-Turn-Turn*

**Artist:** Anja McCloskey

**EP Title:** Turn, Turn, Turn

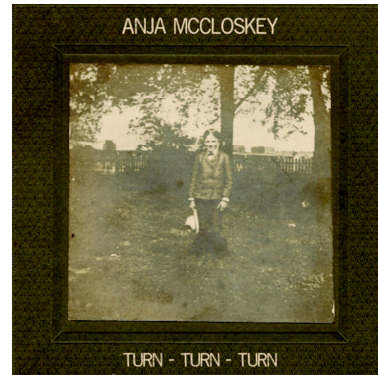
**Tracks:**

1. Decision
2. Instigate it
3. Newton
4. Ivory
5. Stephanie Part II

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**Label:** Sotones

**Format:** CD / Download

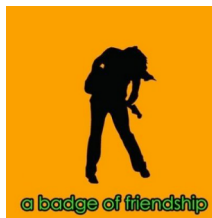


Multi-instrumentalist, **Anja McCloskey**, is a relative veteran of the music scene for her tender years. She has already gained a raft of experience playing with the likes of ten-piece performance orchestra **The Irrepressibles** and folk-rock trailblazers, **Haunted Stereo**. Whilst with **Haunted Stereo**, Anja discovered that much of her creative inspiration veered towards, and suited, a folk arrangement. This included the composition of songs such as **Cross the Sea**, a **Q Music** track of the day, and to singing lead vocals on **Santy Anno**, which featured on a Wears the Trousers Magazine Odetta tribute compilation.

Half-American, half-German and raised in Northern Germany, Anja's love for music evolved as she grew up listening to her grandfather playing the button accordion. This exposure to the accordion led to it becoming her main instrument, although her wider interest in music meant that not only is she classically trained as an accordionist, but as a gospel pianist too. In 2000 Anja won the *Louis Armstrong Jazz Award* in the US and two years later moved to the UK to continue her musical journey.

Her eclectic background has been put to good use, and last year she was fortunate to attend the Folk Alliance in Memphis, where she played for up and coming folk starlet Katy Carr and the Aviators. This forthcoming EP – **Turn, Turn, Turn** - has allowed Anja to explore that side of her creativity further. Using quite delicate arrangements, the EP features a multitude of instruments such as piano, violin, viola, guitar and clarinet, but the main feature strays towards her expert accordion playing and her vocals. Pulling on influences like **Sharon van Etten**, **Abigail Washburn** and **Rufus Wainwright**, and combining her classical knowledge and her new found inspiration for folk is a tantalising prospect that you won't have long to wait for.

- Anja McCloskey is available for interviews
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