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Ali Gray is a singer/songwriter in Minneapolis. In 2005 she released her first solo record, *Let You In*, which received accolades and attention from local music critics.

In 2009, Gray released her sophomore project, *Johnson Street*. The envelope she dared to push on *Johnson Street* is one of real substance and, indeed, her sophomore release firmly established Gray as a songwriter.

In 2015, she released a Christmas album, *Christmas with You*, a cozy compilation of favorite Christmas tunes that are arranged to accompany your romantic Holiday evenings by the fire sipping cocoa or Scotch. It includes an original track, "Christmas With You".



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If it's true the root of the word courage (cor) is Latin for "heart" and its earliest form meant to speak by sharing everything in one's heart, then Ali Gray's newest release, *Love Letters*, is a triumph of courage. This third solo album from the Minneapolis singer-songwriter was spurred by the abrupt death of a troubled, close friend – and all the attendant regrets one can have about not having done more to help. The result is ten tracks penned for specific friends and loved ones. Those familiar with Gray's past work know it leaned solidly toward rootsy Americana with touches of '70s rock. "I wanted this record to be softer, fluid, more open," says Gray. While the vulnerabilities explored forced her to face certain fears, she maintains, "these are the best songs I've written to date, in terms of both format and straightforward simplicity." Gray's hope is the innate intimacy of the songs will transcend their predominantly personal nature for audiences. "I hope the listener will hear the heart and soul behind it – that it will carry over to others, lend comfort and possibly help others articulate what's in their own hearts for the people in their lives while the opportunity is still there."





Gray has brought honest, vulnerable lyrics and music together with her refined, gentle, and yet powerful, vocals for over 20 years. Outside of writing and performing her original music, you can find her in multiple Twin Cities cover bands: Two Hicks and a Chick, Mish Mash, Drunch, Martin Zellar's Neil Diamond Tribute, Kenny and Ali, Ali and Joe, and whenever any of her musician buds invite her to sing along side them.

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