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ANI DIFRANCO PLANS MISSOULA GIG IN APRIL

MISSOULA--

One of the most righteous babes in rock music will hit Missoula in April for what promises to be a sell-out concert at The University of Montana.

Songwriter, guitarist and vocalist Ani DiFranco brings her funky grooves and vocal fireworks to the Adams Center at 8 p.m. Monday, April 3. Tickets are \$19 and are on sale now at all Tic-It-E-Z outlets or by calling (888) MONTANA.

Over the last decade DiFranco has earned a reputation as an outspoken and fiercely independent folk-funk performer. She has released 13 self-produced solo albums, two collaborations with storyteller Utah Phillips and numerous side projects on her own label, Righteous Babe Records.

Without the benefit of outside financing, DiFranco's catalog sales have topped 2.5 million, her last four albums have made Billboard's Top 200 chart and her double live album, "Living in Clip," has gone gold. She also has earned four Grammy nominations and a listing in VH1's "100 Greatest Women of Rock."

DiFranco started out traveling the coffeehouse and club circuit, releasing a cassette in 1990 that sparked attention through fourth-generation dubs, word of mouth, college and noncommercial radio play and rapturous reviews. Her original compositions fearlessly examine DiFranco.rl--2

social injustice, relationship dynamics, politics of the heart, and life in her hometown of Buffalo, N.Y. "To the Teeth," DiFranco's 1999 album release, takes her trademark personal and political insight to a new level of intimacy.

DiFranco's touring band includes Daren Hahn on drums, Jason Mercer on bass and Julie Wolf on keyboards.

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