

Bio

Creative Version:

Who Is Marina Avros?

There is a person who has lived with the trees.

A Smoke Catcher for fourteen summers, they climbed a tower above the boreal forest. To pass the time they listened. To the wind, to the wild ones, to the slow breath of the earth. In that great hush, they wrote songs. The land was speaking, and the songs were the shape of its reply.

Marina Avros sings with the piercing clarity of glacial air.

Melodies that move like a river, slow, quick, turning, falling. Some songs are as dark as where the roots roam, others as playful as a sky full of cumulus clouds.

In every performance, there is a tenderness, a truth-telling. A reminder of something we once knew but forgot.

Marina Avros is not trying to be discovered. She is simply being. But those who come to her shows, whether at a house concert, under a festival tent, or on a forest trail, often leave feeling they've found something.

And perhaps they have.

Long Version:

Captivating, truth telling, nature-inspired singer-songwriter

Marina Avros is an award-winning LGBTQIA+ singer-songwriter renowned for her captivating performances both as a solo artist and with her band, the Belle Miners. Born and raised on Vancouver Island, under the radiant light reflecting off of the Comox Glacier, Marina crafts "delightful and genuine songs with memorable melodies, brilliant guitar rhythms, and one-of-a-kind vocals," as praised by Ben Dunsmuir.

For 14 summer seasons, Marina watched over the boreal forest from a forest Fire Lookout, completely immersed in nature. This unique experience inspired countless songs, leading Keisha Quinn to describe her compositions as "like golden mist caught in a strong wind, twisting into patterns and sparkling in the gentle muted sun."

Eric Thom of rootsmusic.ca highlights the "haunting combination of her clear, breathy voice, her approach to melody, and her non-traditional twists on a lyric, lyrics that, at times, become a part of the instrumentation," which sets her apart as an exceptional artist.

With her evocative music and compelling stage presence, Marina Avros continues to enchant audiences worldwide, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of all who listen.

Long Version II:

Marina Avros is an award-winning LGBTQIA+ singer-songwriter renowned for her captivating performances both as a solo artist and with her harmony-rich band, the Belle Miners. Born and raised on Vancouver Island, under the radiant light reflecting off the Comox Glacier, Marina crafts "delightful and genuine songs with memorable melodies, brilliant guitar rhythms, and one-of-a-kind vocals," as praised by Ben Dunsmuir.

For 14 summers, she lived in solitude above the boreal forest, working as a Fire Lookout. Surrounded by the vast wilderness and skies, Marina wrote music shaped by wind, weather, and the quiet wisdom of trees. Her time in nature infuses her work with raw truth, clarity, and natural grace. Keisha Quinn described her songs as "like golden mist caught in a strong wind, twisting into patterns and sparkling in the gentle muted sun."

Marina Avros is like a secret gem or an undiscovered flower waiting to be found in the wilderness. Her shows take you on a journey, with some songs as deep and shadowy as the underworld, while others are as light and playful as a cumulus cloud. Each performance is an experience: tender, transportive, and soul-revealing.

Eric Thom of rootsmusic.ca points to the "haunting combination of her clear, breathy voice, her approach to melody, and her non-traditional twists on a lyric – lyrics that, at times, become a part of the instrumentation," as elements that set Marina apart as an exceptional artist.

With her evocative music, spellbinding voice, and grounded stage presence, Marina Avros continues to enchant audiences worldwide, a modern-day troubadour guided by nature, story, and song.

Medium Version:

Captivating, truth telling, nature-inspired singer-songwriter

Award-winning LGBTQIA+ singer-songwriter Marina Avros, known for her solo work and performances with the Belle Miners was born and raised under the radiant light shimmering off of the Comox Glacier. Her music, described as "truth telling and genuine" with "nature inspired memorable melodies" and "one-of-a-kind vocals," reflects her 14 summers spent immersed in nature as a forest Fire Lookout. Eric Thom of rootsmusic.ca praises her "clear, breathy voice" and unique lyrical style. Marina's evocative songs and compelling stage presence captivate audiences worldwide.

Short Version:

Marina Avros: Captivating, truth telling, nature-inspired singer-songwriter

Praised for her "clear, breathy voice" and lyrical style, award-winning songwriter Marina Avros captivates audiences worldwide. Known for her solo work and with the Belle Miners, her music, inspired by summers spent as a forest fire lookout, features memorable melodies and unique vocals.

Festival Application:

Some artists feel like old friends the moment they step on stage. **Marina Avros** is one of them.

Raised beneath the shimmering light of the Comox Glacier on Vancouver Island, Marina's music carries the soul of the wild places she's called home. For 14 summers, she lived in solitude as a forest Fire Lookout, high above the treetops, watching the skies, listening to the wind. In that quiet, she wrote songs. Not just *about* nature, but *of* it, raw, luminous, and unshakably honest.

Audiences often describe her shows as a journey. Some songs reach into the underworld, shadowy, poetic, and intense. Others dance in the light like a cumulus cloud on a summer afternoon. She's been called a hidden gem, an undiscovered wildflower. But once heard, Marina is impossible to forget.

Whether solo or with her harmony-driven band, the Belle Miners, she brings warmth, grit, and a spellbinding presence. Her music lingers long after the final note, like birdsong echoing in a forest clearing.

With The Sleeves

Marina Avros & The Sleeves

Award-winning LGBTQIA+ singer-songwriter **Marina Avros** brings her captivating, truth-telling, and nature-inspired music to audiences worldwide. Raised beneath the shimmering Comox Glacier and shaped by 14 summers as a forest Fire Lookout, Marina's evocative songs and "one-of-a-kind vocals" (rootsmusic.ca) leave a lasting impression.

Joining her on this musical journey are **The Sleeves**, a dreamy Indie Folk-tronic duo featuring **Felicia Harding** and **Daine Spowart**. Hailing from Victoria, BC, their sound blends the poise of Feist with the chemistry of The Civil Wars. Having met while touring Australia with Belle Miners, their connection sparked a new creative adventure, leading to international tours and their upcoming debut album (March 2026).

Together, Marina Avros & The Sleeves craft an unforgettable sonic experience, where raw storytelling meets ethereal harmonies.