



**AMANDA BARRICK, 21ST CENTURY QUEER TROUBADOR, CHAMPIONS
'SELF-ACCEPTANCE' IN DEBUT ALBUM, *WASTELANDS***

"Singer-songwriter blends gutsy folk rock and beat poetry in breathtakingly original work"

[ST GEORGE, UTAH - July 2020] - Contemporary folk rock musician Amanda Barrick announces the launch of their debut album, *Wastelands*, set for release on July 31st. Written over two decades and in locations across the United States, *Wastelands* is an amalgamation of Barrick's emergence as an artist coming into their own.

Having grown up in the LDS faith as a queer person, Amanda Barrick weaves themes of religious oppression, redefining spirituality, romantic love--and ultimately self-acceptance--throughout *Wastelands*. Barrick deftly showcases their talent as a spoken word artist in two tracks, "Cool Dad" and "Biochemistry," and covers Bruce Springsteen's "Dancing in the Dark" with hypnotic ease. However, at the core of the album resides Americana folk rock that is reminiscent of artists such as Brandi Carlile, Ani DiFranco, Indigo Girls, and Joan Baez--all the while remaining unmistakably Amanda Barrick.

Amanda also navigates uncharted territory in launching *Wastelands*: emerging as a new artist during a global pandemic. While Barrick has begun to make the rounds in their local music scene prior to the COVID-19 shutdown of bars and music venues, they continue headfirst into spreading messages of acceptance, individuality and personal growth through their music online and, of course, through *Wastelands*.

"As many people have done, I continue to work through the challenges of adversity in my past, and I'm proud to be the resilient artist I am today," said Barrick. "That resiliency is propelling me artistically during a time when so much is uncertain. I'm continuing with the release of *Wastelands*, even in a time when many would say it's unwise to try to break into the music scene. I hope that people understand that this is all a testament to how much I believe in my work, and how much I want to share it with others. One of my favorite things about music, it's the gift that keeps giving."

Wastelands is currently available for pre-order via [Bandcamp](#) and the artist's [website](#). The album's lead singles, "Big Sur," "Biochemistry," and "Wastelands," are currently available on [Spotify](#), [Apple Music](#). For more information, visit [AmandaBarrick.com](#).

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Short Bio:

Amanda Barrick is an indie-folk rock musician and spoken word artist. Their live performances are emotive, intimate and powerful. As a singer-songwriter, they lend their voice to expressing truths with an evocative story-telling style through music and poetry. Barrick writes music that is honest, music that connects us and music that is representative of the world we live in. Upcoming projects include; promoting their debut album and preparing a book of poems for print.

To keep sane, balanced and connected they can be found in their workshop hand-crafting merchandise, on the trails in gorgeous Southern Utah or bootstrapping solo travel adventures. For more information, visit AmandaBarrick.com.

Wasteland Tracks

1. Big Sur
2. Much of You
3. Wastelands
4. Cool Dad
5. Summer Solstice
6. Family Business
7. Lovin' You
8. Dancing in the Dark (Bruce Springsteen cover)
9. Biochemistry
10. Rabbit Hole

All songs performed by Amanda Barrick

Track 3, 6 & 7 were co-written with Tyson Wheeler

Track 2 co-written with Jameson Barrick

Track 8 written by Bruce Springsteen

All songs produced by Ryan Tilby @ Titan Audio Lab