

“In these turbulent times, you may often wonder, ‘Where’s our Bob Dylan? Where’s the bard of the 2010s translating the dicey political and social climate into musical stanzas?’ ... Enter Shawna Virago.” – *POP DOSE*

“The fairy godmother of trans country artists, Virago writes and performs a potent mix of folk, alt-country, and punk that grew out of the crucible of eighties LA. Her music is easily on par with the great country lyricists – Guy Clarke, Townes Van Zandt and Lucinda Williams.” *RAINBOW RODEO*

“First and foremost [Virago] is a superb lyricist, a balladeer who can please and accuse.” – *HERE COMES THE FLOOD*

“A trailblazer...an artist who cuts the path she walks on” – *THE RUMPUS*

“When you think of traditional, ‘folk singers,’ transgender singer/song-writer Shawna Virago may not come to mind, but she should. She’s the definition of ‘folk music,’ which is not just an expressive body of work, it’s a cultural movement, it’s not just lyrics, it’s a beautiful poetic story authored over a melodic soundtrack.” – *NO DEPRESSION*

“A voice that exudes a sonic aura of lethal expertise ... her lyrics portray an intellect in full control of itself” – *HUFFINGTON POST*

Shawna Virago is one of America’s first openly transgender women to tour nationally, performing as her true self since the early nineties. She is a pioneer in the pre-millennial punk scene, and is celebrated for her firebrand fusion of punk and country and her striking lyrics. Virago has been profiled online, in print and on radio including Bitch, Louder Than War, No Depression, Paste magazine, on NPR and PBS, and on left-of-the-dial radio. The Advocate named her song “Objectified,” as one of the nation’s top Transgender Anthems.

Virago is a published writer and her work appears in *Gender Outlaws: Next Generation* and in the anthologies *Trans/Love: Radical Sex*, *Love & Relationships Beyond the Gender Binary*, *Take Me There*, and *Transnational Queer Underground*. She is the Artistic Director of the San Francisco Transgender Film Festival and her films have screened at festivals throughout the world.

INSTAGRAM: @ShawnaVirago

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/Shawna-Virago-148321001860564/>

TWITTER: @ShawnaVirago

WEBSITE: www.shawnavirago.com