



**Hi Annette, welcome to VENTS! How have you been?**

Hi!! I am good! Thank you for talking with me! I am honored.

**How are you preparing for your upcoming tour?**

Rehearsals! I am writing a few new songs for the tour and adding in a couple of new covers. I am looking for sponsors that share my message to add them to my promotion materials as soon as possible and working on putting together a special cruelty-free wardrobe for the tour which I hope will be in part covered by sponsors, as it was last year.

On the promotion side of things, I have a photoshoot coming up in the next month.

**This would be your second tour - what things did you learn from the first one that you are putting in action on this one?**

Hire a publicist. Last year I did everything myself and I was exhausted. Also, I have allowed a couple of off days. We will visit family while on the

road. This rejuvenates the spirit and allows us to recharge. Also - don't buy tee-shirts. They are hard to travel with unless you are touring in a van/car. When you fly to a city to tour out of you need to stay agile and light.

**What are you looking forward the most?**

I am very much looking forward to the Asheville VegFest. These events are great opportunities to see how other cities actively share vegan and animal rights messages and learning from them, while sharing what we do here in Southern California.

**What new things can fans and audiences alike expect from this stint?**

My first Compassionette Tour was an experiment. I feel I am more confident in my choices and believe I will have more to offer fans and the audience at each venue.

**How are you balancing the set list from your debut record and the follow up?**



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I have selected some of my favorite tracks from the first record along with new songs on the upcoming record, and, a handful of cover songs that I think will keep everyone engaged throughout our entire tour and beyond.

**Would you be seeking for a new direction with this sophomore record?**

Yes, most definitely. While the first record was influenced heavily by Country music, my second record is what I call AmeriFolk. A sweet blend of all that I love in Americana music, heavily laced in folk, with a nod to acoustic rock.

**How would you be spreading the word about animal and human cruelty and so on?**

Aside from the actual tour, and the new sponsors in vegan and cruelty-free companies helping me to cross promote, I have several songs that I plan to use as a gateway to conversation with folks.

I also plan to record a video for one of the songs, Sea of Red, and I hope that will help me engage in a dialogue about factory farming and animal

cruelty. Another song, Seeds about our interconnectedness, and the butterfly effect of our interactions with others, will help open the topic of human cruelty. Both songs will be on the new record.

**What aspect from these topics would you be exploring?**

Together we can do better for the animals and for each other. My route to change starts with me. I don't want to tell anyone what to do - but I will ask questions.

**What else is happening next in Annette Conlon's world?**

Next up: this summer it's all about getting ready for the tour, however if I have any free time I will do some more pre-production on the CD. Otherwise when I return from the tour I will get down to the business of making the next record.

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