



Tai Shan // *Traveling Show*

RIYL: Paula Cole, Shawn Colvin, KT Tunstall, Joni Mitchell, Tom Waits

It's said that getting out of your own head allows you to look at the world from a different perspective. There's a way to lock into the endless wonder of human existence through songs that take the wide view, tell stories that lift us up and remind us of how rich life can be. On her new album *Traveling Show*, Tai Shan turns the stories she's heard into music and lyrics you can live with, like a trusted companion who knows just when to talk and when to listen. Fusing soul, jazz, and pop, she creates an intimate space for reflection. *Traveling Show* is soulful, surprising, and uplifting even when Shan writes about the difficulties and disappointments that everyone undergoes that, by contrast, shine a light on what makes us happy.

A major element of *Traveling Show*, which Shan started recording in Seattle before making the move to Nashville in 2018, is soul. Shan makes the kind of emotional connections that role models like Aretha Franklin and Marvin Gaye explored. With hints of jazz in her nuanced singing and songwriting - Shan is a serious practitioner of the slightly unexpected chord change, the beguiling harmonic shift - taking the concept of the singer-songwriter to new levels on *Traveling Show*. She is indeed a serious student of American songwriting, and she's used her vast knowledge to teach the art of matching words to music to multitudes of students who have learned from her example. *Traveling Show* is a masterclass in the art of deceptive simplicity. It is, after all, about the stories, and the emotions within them.

"A tale about mature, comfortable love." - **American Songwriter**

"Tai Shan is a singer-songwriter who's hard to pin down to a single musical genre – her stories want to expand out of a folk or rock constraint in order to pull in soulful elements and a tap-tapping of jazz flecks." - **Americana UK**

"Tai Shan's 'Burn It Down' Celebrates Women's Anger Fueling Change." - **Billboard**

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"A contagious rocker that churns with the swinging soul of Lake Street Dive, with a nod to the brass pop of the '60s. With a jubilant groove, Tai Shan serves as a go-to for inspirational anthems and jazzy soul." - **Glide Magazine**



1. Traveling Show
2. **Ripe On The Vine**
3. **Burn It Down**
4. **Wishing You Were Here**
5. 8:45
6. Lay It Down
7. Trouble Sleeping
8. You Look Like Love
9. What's Up/ Don't Worry Be Happy
10. Remember When



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