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### **Burson Brings Her Distinctive Style to Temple Israel Event**

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, October 5, 2009 -Clare Burson, a native Memphian and nationally acclaimed singer and songwriter, will headline the entertainment at Temple Israel's "Temple a Go-Go" event on November 21.

It has been said Burson's music is an evolving blend of acoustic folk, rock and introspective lyrics. Her causal, expressive voice has also been compared to Lucinda Williams and Joni Mitchell.

"I've always leaned towards poetic simplicity and subtlety in my music – wanting to express as much as I can with the fewest possible words and musical flourishes" says Burson.

This was evident in her critically acclaimed releases *The In-Between*, *Idaho* and *Thieves*.

Her latest album, *Silver and Ash*, set for an early 2010 release, imagines her grandmother's life in Germany, from her birth in 1919 to her escape in 1938. For this project, Burson visited Memphis and conducted interviews with her two grandmothers, and ventured to the childhood homes of her ancestors in Germany, Latvia, Poland, Lithuania and the Ukraine. The result is an album that gives life to her grandmother's story. Produced by Grammy-nominated Tucker Martine, it includes Burson's lush string arrangements and rich vocals.

A classically trained violinist, and later conversant in Bluegrass, Celtic and Klezmer fiddle tunes, Burson began playing guitar while studying history at Brown University. After college and a year in Germany as a Fulbright Scholar, Burson spent two years in Boston before returning to Nashville. During her time in Tennessee, Irish singer Maura O'Connell chose to record Burson's song "Hold On" from *The In-Between* which was featured in the ABC dramas, *Six Degrees*, *Big Shots*, and *Dawson's Creek*.

Clare, the daughter of Bunny and Charles Burson, lived in Memphis until she was in the eighth grade when her family moved to Nashville. Currently, Clare lives in Brooklyn, New York.

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