

Michelle Shocked will jolt Wiltern

How shocking. A leftist folk singer who routinely gave profits away to political causes suddenly shifts gears, becoming the ringleader on an album with a jazzy, danceable — dare we say upbeat? — sound.

That's the new musical direction for Michelle Shocked, who performs Saturday at the Wiltern Theatre in Los Angeles.

Shocked caused quite a ripple in the music world when she burst upon the scene with "The Campfire Tapes" in 1987, describing herself as an activist-feminist-anarchist. She really got noticed with her 1988 album, "Short, Sharp Shocked," which gave her top hits in England and this country.

Now, Shocked has let her musical direction evolve to a high-energy, rhythm-happy sound with her "Captain Swing" album.

The singer-songwriter arrives in Los Angeles on her "Captain Swing Revue" tour at 8 p.m. Saturday.



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Tickets for the show are \$21.50, available at Ticketmaster outlets and the box office. The Wiltern Theatre is at 3790 Wilshire Blvd. Call (213) 380-5005, (714) 740-2000.