

## New Song Release: 'Love's Not for Sale'

### Artist: Helen J Hicks

*Described as 'England's answer to Carole King', songstress Helen J Hicks released her powerful new single **Love's Not for Sale** this week on June 25<sup>th</sup>*

Helen J Hicks, a singer songwriter, entrepreneur and label boss rolled into one has an abundance of talent and drive. A choral scholar and Cambridge graduate Helen went from writing songs whilst living in Africa, to signing a five-album deal with Decca Records, to fronting jazz outfit HoneyRiders and more recently launching her own album '*Be Myself*' through Loud Mouth Music.

Helen has also introduced her own brand of poetry called "Folk Rap" - spoken word set to music.

This week's new single *Love's Not for Sale* certainly conveys Helen's poetic gift for telling a tale – in this case the tale of a modern day sex slave yearning for 'freedom', for her 'own front door' and for a life where her 'love is *not for sale*.'

The stark realities of the brutal exploitation faced by thousands of sex trafficking victims in the UK today are gently brought to bear in Helen's dulcet tones. With *Love's Not for Sale*, Helen creatively infuses her own distinctively mellow style with an honest protest against the simple injustice of being sold for sex. Her clear and sensitive delivery animates a tragic picture that society desperately needs to wake up and respond to.

Comment from CHASTE Chief Executive Rev Dr Carrie Pemberton:–

"Helen has brought something important to the response to contemporary trafficking and what we face in the expansion of prostituted and pimped women and children in the UK today. She has given the song of humanity back to the victims of this contemporary trade in flesh. The positive vibe on this song asserts the power of humanity to break through the bonds of modern enslavement in contemporary prostitution and trafficking for sexual exploitation – and insist, *"I want my own front door, I am fully human, I have my dreams and my capacity to give and receive love. Even if I am being broken and held in this perverted commerce, my spirit and aspirations are Not for Sale and will not be silenced"*.

Download ***Love's Not for Sale*** for **£0.79**. Royalties go towards the continuing work of **CHASTE – Churches Alert to Sex Trafficking Across Europe**.

<http://www.helenjhicks.com/shop/shop.asp?artist=4>

## Notes to Editors

### Lyrics

#### LOVE'S NOT FOR SALE – A Modern Slave's Tale

You heard a voice cry out  
Look the other way,  
I'm not a face you see,  
You don't see my chains  
I want to be secure  
I want my own front door  
Came for security  
But now they're killing me  
Pink glow suffused the hall  
Another stranger calls  
I'm not the name they see  
I'm not a human being  
Here in these modern chains  
Caged by a wrong desire  
I'm just a piece of fuel  
Stoking their raging fire  
I need some love

Creature of the night  
I wasn't meant to be  
Used, confused, abused, by those that surround me  
I never had a voice  
I never had a choice  
Stuck in the chains we made  
I'm a modern slave  
I want to know I'm heard  
You need to tell my tale  
They need to know right now  
That I am not for sale  
I wanna feel secure  
I want my own front door  
Stuck in these chains they've made  
I'm a modern slave.  
When morning comes it's bright  
I've been out all the night  
I can almost believe this isn't real.  
I want my freedom,  
I want my life, love to be free,  
I'm here in chains, modern day slave  
My loves not for sale.

By Helen J Hicks and Simon Nelson March 2007

### PRESS REVIEWS

“Hicks ... a Joni Mitchell on the cusp between folk and jazz,”  
**THE SUNDAY TIMES**“

“Fine poppy bluegrass outfit with folk and jazz leanings” **TIME OUT**

“Except perhaps for Sinéad O'Connor there has not been a singer/songwriter from the British Isles worth getting excited about since Kate Bush ... Helen J. Hicks manages to mix an infectious kinetic mix of bluegrass, jazz, country and funk and sings like a woman who is having a very, very good time”

**HARPERS & QUEEN**

“A singing sensation”

**HELLO**

“Helen J Hicks ... Tanita Tikaram's 'Good Tradition' meets David Gray's 'Babylon' with an Eva Cassidy vocal thrown in”

**BOYZ MAGAZINE**

## **About CHASTE**

**CHASTE** is the interdenominational forum for the development of engaged response to the misery of human trafficking in the form of sexual exploitation. Initiated by Revd Dr Carrie Pemberton in 2003, the charity now works to develop cooperation across European churches for the prevention of sex trafficking.

- CHASTE is working to:
  - Form supportive networks with churches and faith communities in countries of origin and destination
  - Develop a network of safe housing to secure the safety of women who have been trafficked for sexual exploitation
  - Provide training for immigration and police personnel, chaplaincy teams and churches
  - Research the moral and socio-economic conditions that result in trafficking with a view to promoting cultural and legislative change

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