

# Now Cyndi just wants to have fun



In the pink – Cyndi Lauper has recorded an album of her country music favourites, called *Detour*, and performs in Birmingham

QUIRKY New Yorker Cyndi Lauper, who lit up the 1980s pop scene with *Girls Just Want To Have Fun*, *True Colors*, *Time After Time* and *She Bop*, is in concert at Birmingham Symphony Hall on Wednesday, June 22.

After over 50 million sales to date, Cyndi's musical journey took an unexpected turn on her 11th studio album *'Detour'*, with the Grammy, Emmy and Tony-winning 62-year-old singer-songwriter putting her

signature spin on a dozen classic country songs. The album, released last month, was a labour of love and showcases that unmistakable voice on country classics from the 1940s to '60s with guest appearances from country stars including Alison Krauss and Willie Nelson.

Cyndi recorded the album in Nashville with the city's top session players. She says recording a country album is something she's dreamed

about for years. She grew up listening to singers like Patsy Cline and Loretta Lynn in her Aunt Gracie's kitchen.

"When I was a really young kid, country music was pop music, so this is what we grew up listening to. These songs are part of some of my earliest memories," she says.

Cyndi wrote the songs for hit Broadway show *Kinky Boots*, now playing in London's West End