

## Laurie Morvan Band – Bio

Laurie Morvan Band is a 5-piece high energy, rockin' blues band based in Long Beach, CA that honed its distinctively tight sound through joyful, relentless, and ever-expanding touring throughout the USA, Canada, Mexico and Europe, amassing over 80 festival performances along the way.

“Tasty yet blistering Strat work that hits all the right notes and overflows with soul.” (Vintage Guitar).

Picture this. A tall, blue-eyed blonde steps up to the microphone, a guitar in her hands and confidence in her soul. She launches into a set of hot, modern blues, spiced with burning guitar solos, soulful harmonies and compelling songwriting. Her in-between song banter is affable and relatable, and she wants to bring a healing joy to your heart through her music.

Get to know the Laurie Morvan Band in just 60 seconds! <https://youtu.be/hUmx5RHLV8g>

Laurie's GRAVITY CD, released in 2018, made the 1<sup>st</sup> Round Grammy Ballot for Best Contemporary Blues, and was nominated for Best Blues Album in the prestigious Downbeat Reader's Poll. Recorded with Grammy and BMA Award winning producer/drummer Tony Braunagel, it features 12 of Laurie's original songs all punctuated with her creative, signature guitar playing. The band also garnered the attention of the international market with a nomination for Best New Artist in the Independent Blues Awards.

“Laurie is one hell of a great guitarist and if you have not had the pleasure of seeing her, put it on your must do list!” (Blues Blast). “Morvan has all the soulfulness of Bonnie Raitt and the swaggering, muscular guitar tone of Stevie Ray Vaughan” (News Gazette, Champaign IL).

In addition to Laurie's fiery guitar work, Laurie Morvan Band performances feature crowd-pleasing harmonies of backup singer/percussionist Lisa Morvan along with dueling solos between Laurie and keyboardist Tom Salyers, fueled by the tight-as-nails rhythm section of bassist Pat Morvan and drummer Robert Gates.

The band's “Fire It Up!” CD won the Blues Foundation Award for Best Self-Produced CD at the 2010 International Blues Challenge (IBC), a worldwide competition held in Memphis, TN. The Big Ten TV Network featured the Laurie Morvan Band in their very own half-hour TV special, which was filmed live at the Elnora Guitar Festival in Champaign, IL and was aired nationwide. Continuing the lineage of recording excellence, the band's next release, Breathe Deep, was a semi-finalist for Best Self-Produced CD at the 2012 IBC.

Making their first big splash on the national blues scene in 2008 at the International Blues Challenge, the Laurie Morvan Band was a finalist for best live band while simultaneously their CD, Cures What Ails Ya, was a finalist for Best Self-Produced CD. Other accolades include twice being named the House of Blues Radio Hour “Blues Breaker” artist of the week, a B.B. King's Bluesville “Picks to Click”, and winning the Blues Festival Guide's Blues Artist on the Rise Award.

Throughout her career, Laurie's unique, creative guitar style has been highlighted in the world's top guitar magazines. “Morvan sings the strings with fast, clean chicken pickin', reaches heights of lyrical ecstasy through liquid bends, and kicks the rhythm in the pocket with propulsive comping” (Guitar Player). “Stunning California axe slinger...exhilarating electric blues guitar style” (Modern Guitars).

For up-to-the-minute highlights and tour info, visit: [www.LaurieMorvan.com](http://www.LaurieMorvan.com)

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