

Laurie Morvan Band Bio

Short form - for brief publicity purposes

How do you top winning the 2010 Blues Foundation Award for Best Self-Produced CD at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, TN? Light up the stage in your own 30 minute nationwide TV special titled, "Laurie Morvan Band: Nothing But The Blues", which aired on the Big Ten Network (and is available for viewing now, streaming on the internet). Additionally, House of Blues Radio Hour has now announced that the Laurie Morvan Band was selected as their "Blues Breaker" artist of the week for 4/24/10-4/30/10. And Laurie has been booked for an in-studio radio interview with the original blues brother himself, Elwood Blues (aka Dan Aykroyd), in June 2010.

Other accolades for the band include being named WINNER 2008 Blues Artist on the Rise, being a FINALIST in the 2008 International Blues Challenge live band competition, and having their previous release, Cures What Ails Ya, be a Top 5 FINALIST for the 2008 Blues Foundation Award for Best Self-Produced CD.

"Morvan has all the soulfulness of Bonnie Raitt and the swaggering, muscular guitar tone of Stevie Ray Vaughan ... She provided a blistering, high-energy ending to another great guitar festival at Krannert." (Ellnora Guitar Festival review, News-Gazette, Champaign, IL)

"Rock-tinged blues guitars ruled the day ... Morvan, who opened the show, also stole it...in a scorching set of original blues rock that left the early arrivals staggering to the CD sales booth." (2009 Coloma Blues Live! review, Mountain Democrat, Placerville, CA)

Laurie Morvan's unique, fiery guitar style has been highlighted in feature articles in Guitar Player, Vintage Guitar and Modern Guitars magazines. "Stunning California axe slinger...exhilarating electric blues guitar style" (Modern Guitars). "Morvan sings the strings" (Guitar Player). "Fearless and fresh...Morvan plays with plenty of imagination" (Vintage Guitar).

Not just a wailin' guitar slinger, Laurie is a compelling lead vocalist and songwriter who writes from personal stories filled with pain, triumph, hope, and her characteristic humor. Laurie Morvan Band concerts feature the beautiful harmonies of Laurie and backup singer Lisa Grubbs, as well as dueling solos between Laurie and bassist Pat Morvan. Keyboardist Tom Salyers' fluid, passionate playing sparks up every show. Driving this high energy train is drummer Kevin Murillo who lays down a powerful and intense blues rock foundation. Laurie and her band are a tight-knit unit who love performing and recording together. Their fun-loving enthusiasm leaps right off the stage...and it's contagious!

The band's newest CD, Fire It Up!, is getting great reviews. "A guitar fest of major proportions...with Fire It Up! she enters the upper echelon" (Vintage Guitar). "Poised on the edge of a major breakthrough ...sultry vocals, imaginative songwriting, and smoldering fretwork" (Blues Revue).

Catch the band during their 2010 Coast to Coast Nationwide Tour!

For more information, visit: www.LaurieMorvan.com