

## Laurie Morvan Band – Bio

The Laurie Morvan Band is a 5 piece high energy, rockin' blues band lead by a fiery female lead guitarist vocalist. A pumpin', thumpin', tight-as-nails machine from Long Beach, CA, the LMB has fired up over 700 festivals and club dates throughout the USA, Canada and Europe.

So much more than just a wailin' guitar slinger, Laurie is a charismatic performer whose stage presence is both powerful and inviting. Her songwriting has a fresh perspective, and her in-between-song banter alternates between inspirational and flat out hilarious. Audiences feel a genuine connection with her and she enjoys spending time with them after shows signing autographs, talking, and posing for photos.

Laurie Morvan Band concerts feature the beautiful harmonies of Laurie and backup singer Lisa Morvan, as well as dueling solos between Laurie, keyboardist Tom Salyers and bassist Pat Morvan. Drummer Lonnie Jones drives this high-octane train. They are a tight-knit unit who love performing and recording CDs together. Their fun-loving enthusiasm leaps right off the stage...and it's contagious!

Laurie's much anticipated 6<sup>th</sup> CD, "GRAVITY", will be released on February 9, 2018 and celebrated with fans through a special tour featuring a series of CD Release Party extravaganzas! Originally scheduled to be recorded back in 2014, the CD was delayed when Laurie suffered a wrist fracture that required 2 surgeries over the next couple of years. Releasing this CD is especially meaningful for Laurie, and the whole band is energized to be sharing this exciting new music with fans.

The LMB made their first big splash on the national blues scene in 2008 at the International Blues Challenge, a worldwide competition featuring over 160 bands held by the Blues Foundation in Memphis, TN. The LMB got to the finals in the live band competition and at that same event, the band's "Cures What Ails Ya" CD was a finalist for Best Self-Produced CD. The Laurie Morvan Band is the only band in IBC history to reach both finals at a single competition. 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.

The Laurie Morvan Band went on to win the Blues Foundation Award for Best Self-Produced CD at the 2010 International Blues Challenge competition with their next release, "Fire It Up". The LMB then lit up the stage in their very own half-hour TV special, filmed live at the Elnora Guitar Festival in Champaign, IL, which continues to air nationwide on the Big Ten Network.

The band's 2011 CD, Breathe Deep, follows the lead of their award winning previous releases. "Scary good. Get out of the business good. Why everyone doesn't know about this woman or her rocking blues band is beyond me." - Bill Scheft, head writer for the David Letterman show.

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

"Morvan is a stellar guitar player with consummate phrasing and respect for both the music and the spaces between the notes. She is one of the rising stars in the blues guitar world and anyone who wants to hear the future of blues guitar should pick up one of her CDs and check her out" (Blues Blast).

In short, the Laurie Morvan Band plays red hot blues rock that feeds your soul!

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