

## Laurie Morvan Bio

Blues Foundation Award winner Laurie Morvan has built a career playing guitar-driven, rocking blues, with a back pocket full of well-warranted swagger, and songs that reflect true craftsmanship. In an era where fewer and fewer artists are truly aware of (and engage) their audience, she is a true entertainer; a musical ringmaster leading her devastatingly tight band through a myriad of twists and turns with a level of finesse and musical intuition that only comes from years of working together. Laurie and her band have toured extensively throughout the USA and Canada, with short stints in Mexico and Europe, lighting up the main stages of some of the industry's most respected blues festivals, including King Biscuit Blues Festival, Calgary Bluesfest, Magic City Blues Fest, Budweiser Illinois Blues Festival, Thunder Bay Blues Festival, and many others.

Since bursting onto the national blues scene in 2008, Morvan's albums have all been critically praised, netting an array of awards and nominations, and her fiery stringwork has consistently brought acclaim from some of the world's top guitar magazines. Her latest CD, Gravity (recorded with Grammy and BMA Award winning producer/drummer Tony Braunagel), features 12 originals that shake, shimmy and sizzle with her signature playing and soulful, effervescent style. It's also her most successful release to-date, clocking nearly a year on the Top 50 Blues-Rock Radio Chart and making the 1st Round Grammy Ballot for Best Contemporary Blues Album, along with a nomination for Best Blues Album in the prestigious DownBeat Reader's Poll.

"Tasty yet blistering Strat work that hits all the right notes and overflows with soul." — Vintage Guitar

"Top notch! Laurie plays a fine guitar with exhilarating solos. She's mastered the tricks and knows how to captivate." — BluesNews, Netherlands

"Laurie Morvan scores again as a singer-songwriter and as a guitarist. 'Gravity' is the album we as blues lovers have had to wait just a little too long for." — Rootstime, Belgium

"Guitarist Laurie Morvan is a charismatic performer with a very fresh writing style... her guitar and voice shine with a refined blues-rock and soul sound." — Historias del Blues, Spain

"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

"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