

## Laurie Morvan Band Bio

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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. The band had a very successful Coast to Coast Tour in 2011 which included festival and club dates throughout the USA and Canada, and was capped off by performing on the October 2011 Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruise.

House of Blues Radio Hour selected the Laurie Morvan Band as their "Blues Breaker" artist of the week for a second time in 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.

The band's newest release, 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. But then again, we're talking about the music industry." - Bill Scheft, head writer for the David Letterman show.

"...guitarist Laurie Morvan and crew make a strong case for more awards to fill their trophy case. With Morvan's muscular, yet lyrical, guitar lines leading the charge..." - Blues Source

"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

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!

For more information, visit: [www.LaurieMorvan.com](http://www.LaurieMorvan.com)