

## Laurie Morvan Band – Short 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!

The LMB's "Fire It Up" CD won the Blues Foundation Award for Best Self-Produced CD at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis (within the blues community, it's like winning a Grammy). The Laurie Morvan Band 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 LMB made their first big splash on the national blues scene in 2008 at the International Blues Challenge, where they were Finalists in both the live band and CD competitions, 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 band's latest 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." - 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

"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

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

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