

The Laura Kemp Band

PRESS RELEASE:

With musical influences that span from folk to bluegrass to jazz to kirtan, **Laura Kemp** has been captivating Northwest audiences for over 20 years. She has six studio and two live albums under her belt, and has won the Eugene Weekly reader's poll for Best Local Singer-Songwriter too many times to keep track of.

Accompanying herself on guitar, harmonica, and banjo, she is joined by seasoned musicians **Jeremy Wegner** on mandolin, banjo, and vocals (also plays with the Sugar Beets, Bindaas, and the Klezmonauts), **Sean Peterson** on upright bass and vocals (also plays with Eleven Eyes and U of O jazz ensembles), and **Brian West** on drums (also plays with the Sugar Beets and Halie Loren). The band performs an original mix of bluegrass, folk, and jazz, rich with three-part harmonies, instrumental magic, compelling lyricism, disarming humor, and an infectious musical synergy that has audiences returning again and again.

A guitarist and singer since the age of eight, Laura has performed as a solo artist, as part of the power girl group Babes With Axes, and in various band configurations over the past 25 years. She has busked on the streets of Europe as well as played prestigious folk venues across the country, including **Club Passim** in Cambridge, **CBGB's Gallery** in New York, **The Great American Music Hall** in San Francisco, **Bumbershoot Festival** in Seattle, and main stage of the **Oregon Country Fair**.

With songs that range from sassy rockers to ballads, covering topics from pets to television and every angle on love imaginable, "performer extraordinaire, Laura Kemp (has the) ability to make an audience chuckle, tear up, and feel an instant connection with her lyrics - all in the course of one song."- San Francisco Bay Guardian

"A true songwriter with a voice and guitar that work together like no other... you know you're going to be entertained with Laura Kemp." Ed Mellnik, Mostly Folk, KZME Portland, Oregon

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