

LAURA KEMP

girl with a guitar, banjo, harmonica and a passion for bluegrass, folk and jazz

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.

A guitarist and singer since the age of eight, 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**.

Accompanying herself on guitar, harmonica, and banjo, she has performed in numerous configurations over the past 25 years. She is a dynamic solo artist who can easily hold her own in any performance setting; she was part of the power girl group, Babes With Axes, back in the 90's; she fronts the Laura Kemp Band with Sean Peterson on upright bass, Jeremy Wegner on mandolin and banjo, and Brian West on drums; and performs jazz standards with her alter-ego band, 3 on the Tree.

A sought after guitar teacher in Eugene, Laura has taught and mentored many young musicians over the past 15 years. When she is not focused on her music, she is an avid gardener and backpacker, and is deeply committed to her yoga practice.

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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