

THE DONNA LARSEN BAND



Billboard Award® Winning songwriter Donna Larsen's acoustic driven, original, insightful and spiritually centered music resonates in your soul.

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Dear Lynda,

Please consider my band for the upcoming Lemon and Garlic Festival. I love those flavors, and you are sure to love the flavor my band will bring to your event! The Donna Larsen band has enjoyed playing many Festivals such as Adams Avenue, the new San Diego Water Park, and San Diego Earth Fair, and always looks forward to supporting the San Diego Community.

The Donna Larsen Band brings a fresh perspective and sound to any event or venue. Upon hearing the band, or Donna as a soloist, it's evident that this prolific songwriter brings with her the strength and passion of the greats and a current style all her own. "PopCooustic" is the term Donna uses to describe her solo performances, and with The Donna Larsen Band her music expands from there to a thoroughly engaging and unique experience in sound for the listener.

This Billboard Award Winning Songwriter can reach into the heart and soul of each listener with her thought provoking lyrics and one of a kind musical style. Never expressively tied down to one genre of music, she writes directly from the heart to the page. You can hear hints of pop, reggae, Latin, and rock throughout an evening of entertainment from Donna and her band. The Donna Larsen Band is graced with exceptional musicians, all with superb technique and performance ability, and each member in love with music! Donna couldn't be happier with her Band, and can't wait to play for you.

Donna R. Larsen



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ABOUT DONNA

Donna Larsen began playing her original music on an acoustic guitar in coffee houses and clubs in San Diego, CA while still a teenager. Influenced by strength and passion of the greats, she was inspired to form her own unique vocal style. Donna has cherished her experiences of performing in North America from Alaska to Oaxaca, Mexico, and in Europe from Prague to Budapest and Vienna. The richness of these varied cultures has contributed to her music becoming more insightful and spiritually centered. Donna is a Billboard Award Winning songwriter, and thrives on writing and performing music that is thought provoking, positive, and spiritually alive, and lives in gratitude for the gift of music. Donna took a sabbatical from live performance after 2000, when the "Expectant World" CD by Satvah~Divah was released, but never stopped writing music! Currently Donna is currently #1 for Singer-Songwriters at Reverbnation in San Diego County, and sharing her PopCoustic music locally, where she has recently formed The Donna Larsen Band. Donna is also frequently in Noisy Cricket Recording Studio producing the CD for "In My Own Backyard", a beautifully illustrated Children's Picture Songbook. All lyrics and music were written by Donna, which offer up heartwarming and imaginative songs about all that is real and imagined in a child's backyard. Characters come to life through her music, written to take you right along with any child into their hearts and minds.

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UPCOMING CONCERT DATES

APRIL

- 10 Queen Bee's
- 19 Rebecca's
- 19 San Diego Earth Day
- 24 The Irenic

MAY

- 21 House of Blues

JUNE

- 6 Art Around Adams

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SAN DIEGO INDIE ACOUSTIC ORIGINAL ARTIST SHOWCASE

*But the showcase name, says curator
Donna Larsen, may be too long*

By Dave Good
San Diego Reader

Donna Larsen, a singer/songwriter, explains
her long sabbatical from local stages:

"Because I was a mom."

She still is a mom, but the kids are older now and there's this backlog of material to deal with. "I kept writing songs," she tells the Reader. "Children's songs. A lot of them." After all, it's not like she hasn't had a lot of time, in children years, to write music.

"My first child was born 13 years ago."

Larsen created what she calls a "kid's picture song book with a circus theme. I didn't know what I was going to do with it," she says, "until my kids found it one day." Their interest spurred her to finish the project.

Larsen approached an illustrator who was willing to complete the project, "and I found someone else to lay out the book, and that's when things really lined up for me."

There are now 1,000 copies of the book, printed and ready for delivery, sitting in cartons in Larsen's garage. They await only the completion of the accompanying CD.

"It was all about the book. I decided I wanted to perform live shows again. I had been out of the scene for so long."

She played a three-song opener for Lisa Sanders then booked herself into a few open mic nights at the Queen Bee's in North Park. "Alma [Rodriguez, the owner] liked what I did and she offered me a four hour slot. I said, how am I gonna fill four hours? And she said, you get other people to perform with you."

Larsen lined up 10 musicians for that night.

"It's happening again," she tells the Reader. "Only this time at ArtLab Studios on Adams Avenue in Normal Heights." Larsen's San Diego Indie Acoustic Original Artist Showcase kicks off in November with Josh Damigo as headliner. "It will be a full night of music and food," she says, "for \$10."

"San Diego is a Mecca of talent. There are so many way talented songwriters here." She'd like to host the showcase four times a year. "But the name is too long. Maybe we can have a contest to see what to call it."





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LINKS

www.donnalarsenmusic.com
www.ReverbNation.com/donnalarsen
www.IMOBYforkids.com
www.popcoustic.com
www.deuxayproductions.com

VIDEOS

And So It Is <http://www.youtube.com/v/fJ6WKouq1BM?autohide=1>
Solitude <https://youtu.be/5wQuaNMg52Y>

“POPCOUSTIC” MUSIC

The term “PopCoustic” was invented by Donna Larsen to describe her music when performed as a solo or duo. There was a long list of what her music was not, so out of necessity she invented this term. PopCoustic music is not necessarily folk, country, Americana, or any other genre. The elements of different genres may weave their way in and out, but even though it may be nice to put a label on it, you just can’t!

SIMILAR ARTISTS

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