

the monica lee band

live at the libra room

Monica Lee is a charismatic performer who moves effortlessly from piano to guitar, and takes audiences hostage with haunting melodies on her viola. Her powerful vocals, moving lyrics, and soulful delivery have drawn a passionate following – and continually evoke comparisons to esteemed songstresses Joni Mitchell, Carly Simon, Tracy Chapman and Carole King.

Backed by talented collaborators Michael Simpson (percussion) and Jesse Waldman (guitar), Monica draws freely from the great melting pot of music – roots, blues, rock, jazz, country and gypsy too. Together, they create an eclectic fusion that feels both classic yet excitingly new.

Every Thursday night for the past three years, the Monica Lee Band has been pulling heart strings and shaking the rafters as resident band at Vancouver's Libra Room. The band's latest CD, *The Monica Lee Band Live At The Libra Room*, captures the dynamism of these epic live shows – including a confirmed penchant for improvisation. Of the CD's 10 original tracks, four were written live on stage. The CD also includes three bonus Ipod-ready videos of the band's live Libra Room performances.

Distributed by Indie Pool, *The Monica Lee Band Live At The Libra Room* is available now through www.monicaleemusic.com, iTunes, and can be ordered in record stores across Canada.



Photo by Judy Chee



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| TRACK LISTING | 1. Judy Lea 3:58 |
| | 2. What if? 5:52 |
| | 3. Bohemian Man 4:34 |
| | 4. My Eyes 3:22 |
| | 5. Michael's Melody 3:14 |
| | 6. Black Diamond 3:57 |
| | 7. Dark Angel 4:04 |
| | 8. One More Day 5:46 |
| | 9. Snake Charmer 5:50 |
| | 10. Down on de Drive 3:07 |



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"crowd pleasers...gypsy folk...she is singing for the people and they are responding"

TOM HARRISON, THE VANCOUVER PROVINCE

"..the sound of life! ... the sound of new landscapes being explored and musicians finding that special place where birth happens. ..She'll tickle your inner hippie while greasing up your blues cat."

NATHAN PEEKAY, 4thrcrdMag.

"Monica Lee is a fine musician and an excellent vocalist. Catchy melodies are everywhere in her music. But where she truly shines is in her lyrics. I've heard a lot of songs over the years, and I find words worth hearing to be quite rare."

STEVEN DRAKE, OF 'THE ODDS'

"Very cool and really refreshing ... great phrasing, lots of space but full of wonderful moments in each song. Lyrically, it shares some of Joni Mitchell's talent for imagery and poetry. I really like what I hear."

JOHN MANN, OF 'SPIRIT OF THE WEST'

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