

the monica lee band

live at the libra room

A wandering gypsy at heart, Monica Lee is a passionate songwriter and a magnetic performer. Her songs attract fans of all types of music. The tunes are brimming with soulful emotion set in stories of redemption and celebration. Her little band puts on a big show, drawing in the audience to their energetic yet intimate performances with piano, drums, guitar, viola and vocal harmonies.

Formed in 2006, the band brings to life an eclectic mix of inspiring, culturally diverse music that bridges the age gap, appealing to audiences of all ages. Songs include Euro sounding gypsy sagas, compelling folk storytelling, bluesy ballads and Calypso driven dance beats. Multi-talented Marc L'Espérance drums as well as sings, providing stirring back-up vocals, while guitar hero Jesse Waldman bends in blues cries and shades of everything from Hendrix to Tool. Songs like "What If?" feature Monica leading the band on viola, looping a line and then improvising on top of it to produce her own string section. Four tracks off this record were written live on stage! Inspired by other genre-defying artists such as Wilco and Aimee Mann, Monica Lee is molding her own sound, folk/pop with a wild gypsy heart.

Recorded live at Vancouver's renowned Libra Room in 2007, released Feb 2008, this disk features ten tracks from The Monica Lee Band's catalogue of original songs as well as three ipod ready videos of the band performing on the club's stage.



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. I hope you like her songs as much as I do."

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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