



Hunter Davis will share her enthusiasm, warmth and mischievous wit with festival audiences Saturday night at 5 p.m.

Hunter Davis to belt out the blues Saturday

Whether belting out the blues or crooning a love ballad, Hunter Davis captivates her audiences.

This North Carolina native will be performing her original music on the Main Stage Saturday at 5 p.m.

She has toured the country delighting audiences with her easygoing manner. Her music blends folk, rhythm and blues and a touch of jazz with expressive lyrics that reflect the joy and irony of life.

As part of the vanguard of southern musicians who are breaking down traditional barriers, Davis brings simplicity and directness to her performances and songwriting.

The *Boston Globe* calls Davis a "bluesy vocalist, reminiscent of Janis Ian in tone and intensity, who draws melodic, MOR originals into jazz, R&B, funk, folk and country directions. Love and heartbreak are favorite topics. The album features backup by a stellar crew."

Davis began her musical career at five, writing her own songs and playing blues on a plastic toy banjo. She learned to play the ukulele and guitar while in high school and continued through college where she recorded her first album as a memorial to a close friend.

After college, Davis moved to Vail, Colo., where she spent a year playing clubs. She then returned home, cut her second album and embarked on a full-time musical career.

She currently lives in the San Francisco Bay area where she has recorded and released two albums, "Harmony" and "Torn." "Harmony" features vocal additions from Ferron, Terry Garthwaite, Holly Near, Linda Tillery and Teresa Trull. "Torn" was produced by Trull and features a duet between Davis and powerful vocalist Cris Williamson.

Davis has performed at a variety of festivals including the 1987 Willamette Valley Folk Festival.

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