

Patty Larkin makes splash with latest breakthrough

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She had her first album, *Step Into the Light*, in 1985 on Philo Records. Five albums later Patty Larkin has created a strong name for herself and her music in the folk, acoustic world.

CD REVIEW



Strangers World

Patty Larkin

★★★★

With her newest release, *Strangers World*, on a new label, High Street Records, Larkin has hit the ten-year mark since her recording debut.

Larkin plays acoustic and electric guitar on the CD, with a talented group of musicians on other instruments, such as steel guitar, bass and keyboards.

Larkin has a unique style of guitar playing, demonstrated on "Dear Diary" and "Me and That Train" on which she strums the guitar with exciting energy.

On "Italy" Larkin uses light strums and harmonics' pickings on the guitar; Jonatha Brooke and Jennifer Kimball sing excellent background harmonies. These combined efforts make "Italy" — a simple tale of one person's dream to visit Italy — a beautiful song.

My favorite song demonstrates Larkin's talents musically and lyrically. The music of acoustic guitar, keyboards, percussion, drums and bass develops an inspiring yet profound sound, but it is appropriate for this lyrically emotional song.

Larkin's voice is a huge contribution in giving the songs power and passion. On "Italy" she sings strong, resonating yet soft sounding vocals. When Larkin sings she brings a bittersweet nip to the vocal sounds on "Johnny Was a Pyro," about a marriage gone sour.

So with the vocals, lyrics and music all wrapped into a tiny CD, it's a great package to get for pure listening enjoyment.

Check out *Strangers World*, or listen to her live as she plays in Oregon. She will be at the Majestic Theater in Corvallis at 8 p.m. next Thursday, at the Aladdin Theater in Portland at 8 p.m. on Oct. 14 and at the Buffalo Music Theater in Ashland at 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 15.

CALENDAR

6 FRIDAY

"Masks and Mirrors"
8 a.m.-6 p.m. at Faculty Club
(through Oct. 31)
Free

Lulu & the Big Boys
8:30 p.m. at Cafe Paradiso
Admission is \$2

Road Warrior
9:15 p.m. at 535 Club
Admission is \$2

Will Rogers Follies
9 p.m. at Silva Hall
Admission is \$18.50-\$27.50

Country Squires
9 p.m. at Sam Bond's Garage
Admission is \$1

Points of Jazz
9:30 p.m. at Vet's Club
Free

The Strangers, Unshakable Race
9:30 p.m. at WOW Hall
Admission is \$5 advance, \$6 door

Uptown Conversation
9:30 p.m. at Rainy Day Cafe
Admission is \$2

Curtis Salgado Band
9:45 p.m. at Good Times
Admission is \$10

7 SATURDAY

Saturday Market Entertainment
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Park Streets
between 8th Avenue and Oak
Street

Year of the Duck book signing
10 a.m. at University Bookstore
Free

Will Rogers Follies
8 p.m. at Silva Hall
Admission is \$18.50-\$21.50

John Hill
8:30 p.m. at Cafe Paradiso
Admission is \$2-\$4, sliding scale

Crawdads of Pure Love
9 p.m. at Sam Bond's Garage
Admission is \$1

Weekly Comedy Show
9 p.m. at Scandal's
Admission is \$6

Surfonics
9:30 p.m. at Rainy Day Cafe
Admission is \$3

John Lennon Birthday Celebration
9:30 p.m. at WOW Hall
Admission is \$5



COURTESY PHOTO

The Strangers will play at the WOW Hall on Friday.

Points of Jazz
9:30 p.m. at Vet's Club
Free

Curtis Salgado Band
9:45 p.m. at Good Times
Admission is \$10

8 SUNDAY

Flurbie
9 p.m. at Sam Bond's Garage
Admission is \$1

Karaoke
9 p.m. at 535 Club
Free

9 MONDAY

Uptown Conversation
9:15 p.m. at 535 Club
Free

Rooster's Blues Jam
9:30 p.m. at Good Times
Admission is \$1

10 TUESDAY

Open Mike
7:30 p.m. at Rainy Day Cafe
Free

Vance Gilbert
8 p.m. at John Henry's
Admission is \$5

Kathryn Lucktenberg,
Barbara Gonzalez Palmer
8 p.m. at Beall Hall
Admission is \$4 students,
\$7 general

Lew Jones
9 p.m. at Sam Bond's Garage
Free

La Zoo
9:45 p.m. at Good Times
Admission is \$2

11 WEDNESDAY

Wolf Song
7:30 p.m. at Willamette Hall
Admission is \$1 students, \$2
general

Skinny Blimp
9 p.m. at Sam Bond's Garage
Admission is \$1

Jim Brennon
9 p.m. at Rainy Day Cafe
Admission is \$1

Liquid Sunshine
9:45 p.m. at Good Times
Admission is \$4

12 THURSDAY

SHOcase Noon Concert
12:15 p.m. at Hult Center Lobby
Free

Riverwalking
book signing
7:30 p.m. at Knight Library
Free

Open Mike
7:30 p.m. at Cafe Paradiso
Free

Patty Larkin
8 p.m. at Majestic Theater, Corvallis
Admission is \$9-\$10 advance,
\$12 door

Inter Sodalities, Flurbie,
The Atoms
8:30 p.m. at WOW Hall
Admission is \$4

Geoffrey Mays
9 p.m. at Sam Bond's Garage
Admission is \$1

Alice Dimicelle
9 p.m. at Rainy Day Cafe
Admission is \$6

Bleecker Street
9:45 p.m. at Good Times
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