

## Lynne Hanson: Biography



**LYNNE HANSON** is known for her hard-living style of music, mixing gritty ballads with driving roots-tinged guitar. At first listen, her warm, gritty, boot stomping music leads you through the southern USA, though Hanson hails from Ottawa, Canada. Her sound is born honestly through a lifetime of experience and influence, expressed through the rock, blues and roots that bleeds from her very being. With a liberal amount of Texas grit and a polished Nashville sensibility, Lynne's songs are familiar and comfortable, yet fearless and strong. Her deep bluesy croon is pure and full of fortitude, and she's drawn comparisons to Lucinda Williams, with a touch of Gillian Welch thrown in. No matter what the song, there's a weight and a warmth to her expression.

Lynne has toured the US, Europe and the UK, showcased in Austin, TX and Memphis, TN, toured in support of Grammy nominated artist Gretchen Peters and Steve Forbert, and opened for Grammy-award winning guitar legend Albert Lee.

Lynne won the prestigious Colleen Peterson Songwriting Award in 2010 (Ontario Arts Council), and two Canadian Folk Music Awards in 2018 (English Songwriter, Ensemble of the Year), for Heartbreak Song For The Radio, the debut release from The LYNNEs, a collaboration between herself and Juno-award winning songwriter Lynn Miles.

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## AWARDS

2018 Canadian Folk Music Award with The LYNNeS  
Winner: English Songwriter and Ensemble of the Year  
Nominee: Contemporary Album, Producer, Vocal Group of the Year  
2017 Indie Acoustic Project best Alt Country CD (Uneven Ground)  
2015 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish The Indie International Songwriting Contest (This Too Shall Pass)  
2014 Indie Acoustic Project best Alt Country CD (River of Sand)  
2010 Colleen Peterson Songwriting Award  
2009 Canadian Folk Music Award Nominee  
2009 Kerrville New Folk Finalist  
2008 Mountain Stage New Song Regional Finalist  
2006 OCFE "Songs from the Heart" Blues Award

## PRESS QUOTES

"[Lynne Hanson] seems headed for that revered territory inhabited by seasoned songwriters such as Nanci Griffith, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Mary Gauthier or Lucinda Williams." **Barry Hammond – Penguin Eggs**

"Somewhere in the heartlands, in a town called 'Americana USA,' nestles a particular variety of singer-songwriter. Someone who views a melodic sensibility through the bottom of a whiskey glass. Canadian songstress Lynne Hanson could run for mayor of that town." **Trevor Raggatt - R2 Magazine (5 stars)**

"A mesmeric collection of seven dark pieces, splendidly assembled ... the album in its recorded format is tantalizingly sitting there for you to make a valuable addition to your collection." - **Three Chords and the Truth (UK)**

## SAMPLE PERFORMANCE QUOTES

"Thank You for the outstanding performance at our festival. I knew from the first note that I had hit a home-run hiring you, you were a joy to deal with and I will certainly have you and your great band back again." - **Bob Besharah, Kemptville Live Music Festival**

"Lynne Hanson is a hard-driving performer, who assumes true ownership of her music and she's goooooood ... she had the crowd mesmerized!" - **Elaina Martin, Westfest**

"I've had the pleasure of working with Lynne on a number of occasions. She is a fine composer of interesting songs and performs them very well. She's always welcome on any of my shows." - **Albert Lee, Grammy Award-winning guitarist**