

Mary Flower EPK

Bio and Photo

Internationally renowned award-winning Portland, Oregon-based singer/guitarist/songwriter is a prodigious talent whose seasoned skills have established her as one of America's foremost roots performers. Flower combines a deep historical knowledge with a restless creativity that keeps her music evolving into new creative territory while echoing influences from Piedmont to the Mississippi Delta, with additional stops at ragtime, swing, folk, and hot jazz. Midwest native Flower relocated from Denver to the vibrant Portland music scene in 2004. Since then, she's continued to impress crowds and critics at folk festivals in America and abroad, including Merlefest, Waterfront Blues Fest, King Biscuit, A Prairie Home Companion and the Vancouver Folk Festival, while maintaining a parallel career as a renowned educator.



Mary has shared her guitar skills at over 25 guitar intensives around the country and is about to celebrate 10 years as Artistic Director at her own "Blues in the Gorge" near Portland, Oregon. Along the way, she's twice been a Finalist in the International Fingerstyle Guitar Championship, as well as being nominated three times for the Blues Foundation's prestigious "Blues Music Award." The Cascade Blues Assn. has awarded Mary five years in a row, best Acoustic Blues musician. Mary is a contributing writer for Acoustic Guitar magazine and has recorded several CDs and many instructional DVDs for the Homespun label.

www.maryflower.com

Releases

Living With the Blues Again (Little Village Foundation)

When My Bluebird Sings (Bluesette Records)

Ragpicker String Band (Yellow Dog Records)

Bridges (Yellow Dog Records)

Instrumental Breakdown (Yellow Dog Records)

Bywater Dance (Yellow Dog Records)

Misery Loves Company (Yellow Dog Records)

Ladyfingers (Bluesette Records)

Honey from the Comb (Bluesette Records)

Ragtime Gal (Bluesette Records)

Rosewood and Steel (Bluesette Records)

Blues Jubilee (Resounding Records)

Cookin' With Flower (Bare Records)

Hi Res Photos

<https://maryflower.com/press-kit/promo-photos/>

You Tube Videos

[@TheGibsongal](#)

Social Media

Facebook: [Facebook.com/MaryFlowerBlues](https://www.facebook.com/MaryFlowerBlues)

Instagram: [maryflower77](https://www.instagram.com/maryflower77)

website: www.maryflower.com

Press quotes

"A world-class finger-style guitarist and lap slide player." -DownBeat

"A national treasure in your own backyard." -Jorma Kaukonen

More quotes at: <https://maryflower.com/press-kit/quotes/>

Prominent Performances

Old Town School of Folk Music, Chicago, IL
Freight and Salvage, Berkeley, CA
Cafe Lena, Saratoga Springs, NY
Vancouver Island Festival, Comox Valley, BC
Merlefest, Wilkesboro, NC
Centrum Blues, Pt Townsend, WA
Prairie Home Companion, St Paul, MN
McCabes, Santa Monica, CA
E Town, Boulder, CO

Current Tour Dates

www.maryflower.com/shows/

Awards

Blues Music Award nominee for Acoustic Artist of the Year (2008)

Blues Music Award nominee for Ragpicker String Band (2016)

Colorado Hall of Fame Inductee (2019)

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