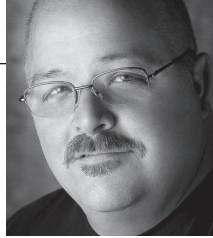


# The Claire Lynch BAND



CLAIRE LYNCH



JIM HURST



MARK SCHATZ



JASON THOMAS

By any measure, *The Claire Lynch Band* is high on the bluegrass world's A-List, with musicians whose accolades include International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) Female Vocalist of the Year and two Grammy nominations for Best Bluegrass Album (Claire); two IBMA Guitar Player of the Year awards (Jim Hurst); and two IBMA Bass Player of the Year awards (Mark Schatz).

Claire's musical direction dates back to the days of the Front Porch String Band, resulting in a seasoned sound that is simultaneously unpretentious and richly textured. It's a down-home, front porch sensibility—until you realize that it's a rare front porch, indeed, that has ever hosted musicians of this caliber. Jim Hurst throws out impossible leads effortlessly, and the band is grounded by bassist Mark Schatz's deft touch and masterful instinct for groove. Ontario native Jason Thomas brings monster chops on fiddle and mandolin, supported by remarkable musical versatility and imagination that have made him instantly at home in one of the greatest bluegrass bands currently on the scene.

Dolly Parton credits Claire with “one of the sweetest, purest and best lead voices in the music business today.” Claire's harmonies have graced the recordings of many stellar musicians, from Ralph Stanley to Linda Ronstadt. Equally gifted as a songwriter, her songs have been recorded by The Seldom Scene, Patty Loveless, Kathy Mattea, The Cherryholmes, The Whites and others.

Since March 2006 *The Claire Lynch Band* has been touring with a moving and impressive CD, “*New Day*” and in October 2007, Rounder released a new CD titled “*Crowd Favorites—A Claire Lynch Collection*”. Songs include many favorites from her five Rounder projects, along with four Front Porch String Band classics newly recorded by *The Claire Lynch Band*.

Whether you are a longtime fan of Claire and the Front Porch String Band, or are new to the bluegrass sound, *The Claire Lynch Band* will jump to the top of your personal A-List, right from the first song.