



Sherry Austin *with* Henhouse
“Clucking good music”

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With four of the most popular Americana vocalists in the Monterey Bay area, **Henhouse** delights their fans with their engaging stage presence, upbeat songs, and great harmonies. The band is fronted by Sherry Austin on Rhythm guitar and vocals, Sharon Allen on vocals and guitar, Tracy Parker on bass and vocals, Jim Norris on percussion, and Santa Cruz legend, Patti Maxine on lap steel and dobro. Their music covers the range from sweet love songs to gritty, rockin' songs about cars, trains, and love gone wrong. They sing with authority and passion, their distinctive blend of folk, country and rock, is filled with warmth and conviction.

The band performs original songs written by Sherry and Sharon Allen, as well as much loved covers by Americana artists, such as Kate Wolf, Townes Van Zandt, and Nanci Griffith. The blend of harmonies between the four women is exquisite.

Sharon Allen loves to sing. And people love to hear her sing. She possesses a beautiful, unaffected voice that is gentle and sweet on the ear. Well-known for her years as a blues singer with the Firebirds, Sharon shows equal passion and mastery of Americana songs that fill her solo album, “Along the Way”.

Bass player, Tracy Parker, is known for her powerful and amazing vocal range. Her voice is well suited for the Country standards and torch songs that always leaves audiences wanting more.

Lap steel virtuoso Patti Maxine is one of the hardest working musicians in Santa Cruz. A session player in constant demand, Patti plays most nights of the week. A musical Swiss army knife, Patti handles a wide variety of styles with ease, sliding gracefully from Hawaiian to swing, from R&B and rock, from blues to jazz and back again.

Jimmy Norris comes to Henhouse with over forty years of contributions to the local Americana scene. His effortless rhythms and flavorful beats help groove the sounds for the Hens. He's a welcome rooster in the coop, drumming and co-producing sessions for the group.

A musical neophyte compared to the rest of the group, Sherry's been making up for lost time. Putting out three albums in the past ten years, her music has received regular airplay from KPIG and many other stations worldwide. Sherry Austin with Henhouse have played everything from big festivals to intimate house concerts.

Sherry Austin with Henhouse have recently released their first album together.