

# Laura Hull

## Vocalist



With influences ranging from Rosemary Clooney and Carmen McRae to Patsy Cline and k.d. Lang, Laura Hull delivers an extraordinary combination of rich, sultry, and expressive vocals with music drawn from an extensive repertoire of American popular songs, jazz standards, and her original compositions.

A native of New York City, Laura took the first steps of her musical journey at the age of seven when she appeared in an all-girls summer camp production of *The King and I*. Through her formative years, the road led her to the resorts of upstate New York's fabled Catskill Mountains, where she learned to sing in a variety of genres and styles. She spent time as a versatile session and jingle singer and showcased her singing at clubs in and around New York City. After a 24-year hiatus from music to pursue a business career, Laura returned to live performance in 2004. In her many performances since, she has emerged as a melodic jazz singer with a real feel for the *Great American Songbook*.



In 2006, she wrote, recorded, and executive produced *Hullabaloo*, her debut CD of original songs, reflecting her diverse musical interests which run the gamut from swing to well-crafted ballads to Bossa nova rhythms. *Hullabaloo* garnered several songwriting awards, received major radio play, and has been licensed and played in both domestic and international markets.

## Press Clips

"Laura Hull has a capacious alto voice; She can nail any note with good pitch and air. Her style is part jazz — in her rhythm and melodic phrasing — part Broadway and classic pop..."

— Zan Stewart, *Newark Star Ledger*

"Laura Hull's songs serve as reminders of a time when quality songwriters like Sammy Cahn and Jule Styne were composing material. It is relatively easy to foresee that her compositions could easily have musical longevity."

— All About Jazz.com

"The multi-talented Hull brings us a fresh new style and interpretation of a song... not only is she a fabulous singer, she writes her own material. She's exactly what we have been waiting for."

— Jim Stone, *WLNZ Radio, Lansing, MI*

"Laura Hull's new CD, *'Take Me Home,'* is an exquisite collection of old favorites made new again. She chose exciting selections and performs them in a tasteful style that enhances the work of each songwriter. Music buyers will not only want to take one home, but buy two to share this great album with a friend."

— John Russell Ghrist, *WDCB Radio, Chicago, IL*

"Laura Hull is a feast for your ears. Her thoughtful interpretations of songs from the *Great American Songbook* are most welcome. We're lucky to have a performer such as Laura Hull who has the style and grace to keep this great American music alive. So, add *'Take Me Home'* to your collection and enjoy. I did."

— John Bohannon, *WRHU Radio, Hempstead, NY*

"Laura Hull's *'Take Me Home'* is a solid mix of flawlessly arranged tunes sung with a contagious flair by a savvy jazz stylist who, like Daryl Sherman and her ilk, are passing the torch of the great American songbook."

— John Hogle, *Cabaret Scenes*



Joined by an all-star band of top-rated New York musicians including *Hullabaloo* co-producer, arranger and pianist Pat Firth, bassist Jon Burr and drummer Tony Jefferson, the strong success of *Hullabaloo* continues on the same high level with her new release, *Take Me Home*. Noted jazz critic and author Scott Yanow writes: "Laura Hull pays tribute to ten standards by adding subtle creativity, a real feel for the lyrics, and swing."

Throughout this very pleasing set, she inhabits the songs and serves them well. All of the individual composers would be pleased with her tasteful treatments, as will listeners who enjoy superior material and classy singing."

Laura performs with her jazz ensemble at a variety of venues, and for corporate and private events. She recently earned a MAC award nomination for *Best Female Vocalist* from the *Manhattan Association of Cabarets & Clubs*, where she is a long-standing member. She serves as president of the *New Jersey Jazz Society*, and is also a producer, entertainment consultant, speaker, vocal coach, event planner, and a freelance columnist on the topic of vocal jazz. Visit her on the web at [LauraHull.com](http://LauraHull.com).

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