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Memorial Gathering

Long Island, NY
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Event Itinerary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13th

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Registration & Greeting
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Laura video footage
4:00 PM - 4:15 PM	Beach Memorial Travel Instructions
4:15 PM - 5:45 PM	Dinner on your own
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM	Meet in Hotel lot for trip to beach
6:00 PM	Leave hotel for beach (FIRM)
6:45 PM	Arrive at beach
7:00 PM - 7:45 PM	Beach Memorial / Private reflection on beach
7:45 PM	Return trip to hotel
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM	"Calling Gloria" - Encore Presentation
10:00 PM - 11:30 PM	Viewing of <i>Backstage</i>

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14th

prior to 9:30 AM	Breakfast on your own
9:30 AM - 11:00 PM	Memorabilia Display
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Laura Trivia Contest with Video
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Lunch on your own
2:00 PM - 4:45 PM	Laura video footage Final band performance, Mohegan Sun, January 2004
4:45 PM - 6:15 PM	Dinner on your own
6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Candlelight Memorial
7:00 PM - 7:45 PM	Group/Individual Photo session
7:45 PM - 8:30 PM	Laura Q & A Session "Fan Forum": share your thoughts on Laura
8:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Viewing of 1990 SRO concert
9:30 PM - 11:00 PM	LB TV and Music Videos

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15th

prior to 9:00 AM	Breakfast on your own
9:00 AM	Gather in lobby for casual Sunday outing Including Fire Island, Westhampton Beach, East Quogue, and Southampton

Shine On!

By Kathy and Vince Golik

There's something very special about a sunrise. No matter where you are, whether in a fast-paced urban setting or on a quiet island beach such as where Laura liked to frequent, somehow the sight and feel of a sunrise is all at once calming, cleansing, and refreshing. Knowing that another day is beginning, that the world is going on, that life and love are still with us, is reassuring, and should give us time to pause and reflect for a few moments on where we've been, and where we're going.

When a loved one has passed on, sometimes there's nothing left to do but look back and reflect. We don't have that loved one here with us physically anymore, maybe they didn't leave us much in the way of physical things to hold on to and remember them by, and no matter how many happy memories we have, there's always a point at which we grieve.

When we think of Laura, however, we have something of significance.



Yes, we all have that special feeling of connection with her; and many have the special memories of concerts gone by, special things she signed, conversations in which we've engaged with her, good times shared together. For us, we can recall with fondness the daily phone calls, the planning sessions for the

website, online store, an EP, and fresh concert dates, times spent involving everything from personal life issues to where to find just the right type of pasta.

But Laura left all of us more than all that. She left us a legacy of music that we all can treasure. We all know the songs, we know the lyrics, the way each note resonates from her famously magnificent voice. If any of us were on "Name That Tune", we'd surely get each of her songs in "one note" or a few. The legacy of seven published studio albums, hit single after hit single, rare tracks as of yet unpublished, and a multiplicity of international "greatest hits" compilations still being published to this day prove Laura has staying power and an international following that rivals any artist alive today.

Nowhere is this more evident than in this year's groundbreaking release of *Shine On: The Ultimate Collection*, that captured the best of Laura on audio, but for the first time ever, included a high-quality DVD containing 10

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of her music videos. Fans have, for years, been looking for Laura's videos on DVD. Very often, the subject would be raised; in fact, this had to be the number one request we received from the fans.

We were listening. The record company was listening. This year, the time was right.

From our perspective, the release of *Shine On* is a gift from us to the fans, as our advocacy with the record company for the past years for a DVD compilation of Laura's music videos and the fruition of that with this release has made it possible for us to be able to present to the public for the first time, a compilation like *Shine On* that does so much for Laura's musical legacy. It helps fans old and new not only hear that fantastic four-octave range and emotive voice, but also see the artistry of the woman we've come to admire and love. To bring this release to its final form, is also a gift from us to Laura, as we worked intensely and diligently to ensure that her high standards for her work have been honored. It's been so wonderful to witness the excitement that *Shine On* has stirred amongst the fans, as well as a renewed commitment to carrying forth Laura's legacy alongside Other Half Entertainment, all the while demonstrating that we collectively have not forgotten, that her artistry and legacy still shines in each of us.

Think of Laura

words and music by Christopher Cross

Every once in a while I'd see her smile
And she'd turn my day around
A girl with those eyes could stare through the lies
And see what your heart was saying
Think of Laura but laugh don't cry
I know she'd want it that way
When you think of Laura laugh don't cry
I know she'd want it that way
A friend of a friend a friend to the end
That's the kind of girl she was
Taken away so young taken away without a warning
I know you and you're here in every day we live
I know her and she's here I can feel her when I sing
Hey Laura, where are you now
Are you far away from here
I don't think so, I think you're here
Taking our tears away

Forever Laura

By Tommy Bayiokos

Back at the ranch in Somers, New York, and then at home in East Quogue, Long Island, there was no sign of Laura Branigan the world's greatest singer in her household. Beautiful, elegant furniture with a vintage clock tower occupied the living room, a gourmet kitchen worthy of any Top Chef episode, and a garden of Eden blossomed parallel to a blue lagoon pool.

Laura loved nature and natural scents. She admired natural beauty and appreciated simple things and times. Laura well knew that it is not the years in one's life, but the life in one's years that is important. She just loved wearing a light blue, slightly spotted sweatshirt around the house when cooking and just chilling in the ambiance of her new domain in East Quogue.

So what may I share with you on this 2010 remembrance? With the passage of time, it's the little things that stand out for me, such as an amazing Valentine's dinner at the "The Fish Cellar" in Westchester, New York, with her late mom, Kathleen; her embracing my NYPD shirt when she was cold during our backstage sound checks in January 2004 at the Mohegan Sun in Connecticut; singing merry tunes after dinner; our gig together and times spent in East Boston at the Italia Unita Festival in mid July 2004; and the excitement of an online store on her official website as Laura envisioned back then. I fondly recall her showing me sketches of different designs and choices for her store - "do you like this one, or this one, Tommy"? It just sends me chills knowing that dream has wonderfully manifested, with more to be done for the greater good in memory of Laura.



I remember during my early band tenure, and with all due respect to the other band members, Laura always went out of her way to introduce me to Kathy and Vince backstage during our sound checks, with the others bewildered as to why they were so special. I cannot help but think that this was the divine looking over Laura. Finally, I remember Laura the "country girl," as she called herself and displayed throughout her stellar career. The country theme again exemplified in her music - "space, dynamics, phrasing, and come down to a whisper, Tommy..."

Through recollections, which are once in a lifetime and life changing, perhaps for all of us since she left, we may be at peace knowing that a woman of great love and depth will never be forgotten, all while we move forward together with honor and respect. Laura changed my life forever and I will never forget her. I am sure she blessed all of you uniquely during those great years as she sang for you with all her heart and soul. I thank you immensely and may Laura's memory forever live in us until we may see her again. Godspeed.

Thanks to all for making this Gathering
a special time to let Laura's legacy
Shine On!!



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