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Spirit Of Love
Memorial Gathering

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Event Itinerary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17th

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| 2:00 PM | - | 2:30 PM | Registration & Greeting |
| 2:30 PM | - | 4:00 PM | Laura video footage |
| 4:00 PM | - | 6:00 PM | Dinner on your own |
| 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 | - | 9:30 PM | LB TV: CHiPs |
| 9:30 PM | - | 10:30 PM | 1998 Meadowlands, NJ Concert |

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18th

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| prior to | 10:00 AM | Breakfast on your own | |
| 10:00 AM | - | 10:45 AM | Memorabilia Display |
| 10:45 AM | - | 12:00 PM | Laura Trivia Contest with Video |
| 12:00 PM | - | 2:00 PM | Lunch on your own |
| 2:00 PM | - | 4:30 PM | Laura video footage Final band performance, Mohegan Sun, January 2004 |
| 4:30 PM | - | 6:45 PM | Dinner on your own |
| 6:45 PM | - | 7:15 PM | Candlelight Memorial |
| 7:15 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 | 1990 Atlantic City SRO Concert |
| 9:30 PM | - | 11:00 PM | <i>Mugsy's Girls</i> |

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7th

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

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Thinking About Laura

By David Kershenbaum, Producer of *Touch*

Was she a great singer? One of the best I've ever worked with. But more importantly, Laura had a profound effect on me and everyone she met because she was equally an amazing person. When she was around there was always electricity in the air - like something important was taking place. In her life she was one of the warmest, funniest human beings I've ever known. But she was not only accomplished in the studio, she was accomplished in living life. Everyone loved her and always wanted to do their best for her.

As a singer Laura was at the top of her game. Incredible pitch and phrasing, and a powerful, high range. She had a great sense of what songs fit her, and that she could deliver. In recording her vocals on *Touch* - there was very little to do. Not much fixing - she would always nail it. I remember when Doug Morris called and told us he found a number 1 hit for us in Europe. The song was called "Power of Love."

When I heard it, I agreed instantly, but it called for a very high vocal reading in the chorus. That didn't intimidate Laura. She marched right in the studio, and after the track was finished, proceeded to own the song. She easily captured the high chorus and breezed through the rest of the song with ease. This was my favorite vocal performance on the record.

Those few months I got to work with Laura contained some of the most wonderful moments I can remember in the studio.

One that comes to mind was when I had planned a Christmas party to launch my new recording studio. I spent days pondering over the menu and finding just the right caterer. I invited the who's who of the LA music scene and everything was set. On the morning of the event and just a few hours before setup and guests arrived, Laura called me, and in a strange European accent, proceeded to tell me that she was the caterer and she had to cancel - she was not coming. I begged and shamelessly pleaded. Finally after winding me up and sensing my panic for a good 10 minutes, Laura dropped the accent, laughing wildly.

I think about her often and can't believe she is gone. I miss her.



Touching Hearts... Inspiring Lives

By Kathy and Vince Golik, Other Half Entertainment

What is it about us all that makes one solitary life connect so deeply, and on so many levels? One could point to any number of people who inspire us, famous persons from history, religious figures, or even family or close friends who have either done or said something that so impresses us. Sometimes this connection impresses and inspires us to pursue something in our own lives that we perhaps may not have dared to, sometimes it is the motivation to pick ourselves up off the ground after a failure and to press forward.

Laura herself inspired many people around the world, with the first pursuit we all as fans found out about her. Thirty years ago, when Ahmet Ertegun of Atlantic Records wondered whether the investment he made in this new-found singer would pay off after the first technical release from her debut album failed to score, she picked up the next intended release, and with pure grit and determination, took it to the club scene in New York and elsewhere, keeping "the voices inside her head" in the ears of the young public. This determined hard work paid off in the fact that "Gloria" became the single that is most instantly recognizable worldwide with her artistry and success.

She didn't stop there, though. Throughout her career, she gave the world a great variety of music, seven studio albums, powerful and stirring live performances that still give people goose bumps, and a story of love, commitment, caring, and devotion to her family and her

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fans that is practically unmatched in today's music industry.

Certainly in our lives, Laura has inspired us to not only push forward to provide a positive and insightful online presence for her and manage her career interests, but since her passing, she continues to inspire us to carry on, working daily to further her legacy in the music industry and with fans old and new worldwide.

It is an inspiration to us, to hear of young people who discover Laura's music and write us to tell of their experiences, and how Laura's music and her story have personally touched their young lives.



It is an inspiration to us, to hear from long-time fans who have, like us, followed Laura's music and career from the beginning, and are both able to share this gift with others, and find new ways in their own lives that Laura touches their hearts and inspires them.

As our guest contributor this year, David Kershenbaum, put it, she was not only a great singer, but "she was equally an amazing person." It seems that even eight years after she left us, she continues to

stir fond feelings and memories in those she personally touched, and even in those who never personally met her, Laura's music, artistry, personality, and enduring love continue to touch hearts and inspire lives.

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

Laura's Power of Love

By Tommy Baiyokos, Laura's Percussionist and Special Friend

As I recently stated on a timely remembrance episode, we are pointing to the future, while remaining aware of our past. So on this eight year mark, we may remember our dearest Laura for how she touched us all, and how moments, not years, can really define one's life and change it forever. I recently stumbled upon a profound quote by Henry Drummond - "You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments when you truly lived, are the moments you have done things in a spirit of love." We have all experienced and achieved many things in our lives, but what of those things were truly done out of pure love? If I may share such times, I recall sending Laura a dozen long stem roses for Valentine's Day 2004 as the start of our special day, and it put a million smiles on her face. I also recall on a sad note after the funeral, returning to work at a restaurant, and being completely wiped out emotionally, breaking down several times. By the mid-evening there, a dozen roses had appeared at the bar. To this day, I have no idea how they got there, and believe it may only be the divine at work. In thinking about how my friendship manifested with Kathy and Vince Golik through Laura and how somehow this was all God's plan, I know we all have a purpose, and I believe nothing is by coincidence.

At times on this 2012 mark, it feels like yesterday, and then at times it feels like a long time ago when we lost Laura. I recall my time being a pall bearer at Laura's funeral, as one of the saddest and most difficult days of my life. After entering the church, I steered towards sitting with some band members, but Laura's brother Mark pulled me away and said "she would want you up front, Tommy, with me." I was truly touched and knew that Laura's spirit was close and forever will be. I catch myself while cooking hearing echoes of "it's in the seasoning, Tommy!", as she used to educate me on fine cooking. Anyone can cook a pasta dish, but a true culinary connoisseur like LB would make that pasta into a masterpiece of ecstasy. I know first-hand just how good her cooking was - in one word, amazing! They say the way to a man's heart is through his stomach and that was certainly the case with me, and she certainly had mine.



Being aware of one's past defines who we are today and we treasure those times, and look towards "rejoicing always" as I know one fine day we shall meet again. Living a good and worthy life is what makes me tick each day, knowing what was once shared, and following my heart to this day. I can tell you that any triumphs in my life were and always will be the direct result of my spirit of love within, and clearly the driving force to excel to be a better man today and tomorrow. I have taken the love inside me to move forward, and regardless of where this unknown road leads, I will always hold Laura close. I thank you all for participating in this year's Spirit of Love memorial gathering, and I know LB fans worldwide are rejoicing in remembrance. Gifted are those who have been blessed with the opportunity to visit the ambience of East Quogue where our dearest Laura lived and to experience the love, beauty, and bliss of it all. May God bless and embrace Laura's eternal soul. "Laura... I miss you!!!"

Thanks to all for making this Gathering
a special time to remember and celebrate
the inspiring Laura Branigan!



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All of Laura's faithful fans around the world who join with us to carry forth her legacy...