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**PIANO WORLD CLASS ACT PERFORMS LOUISIANA R&B AND SOUL**



**VANCOUVER, BC** – Marcia Ball brings her blend of Texas roadhouse boogie and Louisiana swamp blues to The Yale for a special engagement on Sunday, May 30.

Pianist /vocalist /songwriter Ball ([www.marciaball.com](http://www.marciaball.com)) knows how to raise the roof and tear down walls with her infectious, intelligent and deeply emotional brand of southern, rollicking, roadhouse blues. Over the course of her three-decade career, Ball has earned an intensely loyal following all over the world. Her exquisite piano playing and passionate vocals fuse New Orleans and Gulf Coast R&B with Austin’s deep songwriting tradition into a sound that No Depression described as “*a little rock, a lot of roll, a pinch of rhythm and a handful of blues.*”

Over the last few years, Ball has been featured in publications across the United States, including USA Today, Keyboard, DownBeat, Billboard, U.S. News & World Report, The Austin Chronicle, and Blues Revue. Ball has performed on National Public Radio’s *A Prairie Home Companion*, *World Cafe* and *Whad’Ya Know*, Public Radio International’s *Studio 360*, the nationally syndicated *Mitch Albom Show*, and the PBS-televised version of *Mountain Stage*. Ball has also been featured on CNN, PBS, NBC’s *Today Show*, *Austin City Limits*, *Late Show with David Letterman*, and *Piano Blues*, directed by Clint Eastwood.

Ball has garnered multiple awards and recognition including four Grammy Nominations for PEACE, LOVE & BBQ (2008), LIVE! DOWN THE ROAD (2005), SO MANY RIVERS (2003), and SING IT! (1998), eight Blues Music Awards including BEST PIANO PLAYER OF THE YEAR, BEST CONTEMPORARY BLUES – FEMALE ARTIST OF THE YEAR and CONTEMPORARY BLUES ALBUM OF THE YEAR, two Living Blues Readers’ Poll Awards for BLUES ARTIST OF THE YEAR and MOST OUTSTANDING MUSICIAN, and Gulf Coast Music Hall Of Fame Inductee in 2010.

Produced by Stephen Bruton, PEACE, LOVE & BBQ finds Ball at a creative peak, writing or co-writing eight of the thirteen songs on this latest CD. From deep soulful ballads to can’t-sit-still party songs, this latest release which features guests Dr. John, Wayne Tups, Tracy Nelson, and Terrance Simien debuted at #1 in the Billboard Blues Charts in April 2008.

Tickets to Marcia Ball & Guests are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. Advance ticket sales are available by contacting The Yale at 604.681.9253 or online at [www.theyale.ca](http://www.theyale.ca). Tickets are also available through Tickets Tonight by phone at 604.684.2787 or at the Tickets Tonight booth located inside the Tourist InfoCentre at 200 Burrard Street. Doors open at 7:30pm. Show begins at 9:30pm. The Yale is conveniently located at 1300 Granville Street in downtown Vancouver. *Opening act for Marcia Ball will be Murray Porter.*

“A sensational, saucy singer and superb pianist... where Texas stomp-rock and Louisiana blues-swamp meet”  
*USA Today*

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