

Carol McComb

singer-songwriter • instructor • recording artist

ARTIST'S BIO for CAROL McCOMB

Carol McComb's latest CD, *Little Bit of Heaven*, is the crown jewel in a music career studded with glittering accomplishments.

A songwriter's songwriter, Carol's songs have been recorded by **Bill Staines, Laurie Lewis, the Good Ol' Persons** and 2004 Grammy winners **Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer**, among others.

Carol's 1990 Kaleidoscope release *Tears Into Laughter* earned praise from Billboard Magazine: "This is a remarkably well-written, well-played, and emotionally moving album. McComb, who wrote all 11 songs, is wise without being preachy, and she sings with a quiet conviction and urgency."

She toured for eight years and released three critically albums with the nationally recognized **Gryphon Quintet** as a lead singer, songwriter, and guitar and Dobro player.

In 1988 Carol's popular instruction book, *Country and Blues Guitar for the Musically Hopeless* was published by Klutz Press. To date, the book and accompanying tape has sold more than 100,000 copies.

In 1975, Carol recorded her first solo album *Love Can Take You Home Again*, which one reviewer pronounced "as good as anything that came out of Geffin's Asylum (Records)."

Carol made her recording debut for Elektra Records with *Kathy and Carol*, her duo with Kathy Larisch. The success of the record led to tours with **Mimi Fariña** and to concert dates with the likes of **James Taylor, Arlo Guthrie** and **Pete Seeger**. Carol's early music has withstood the test of time. The web site All Music Guide recently proclaimed: "Although slightly precious in its high-voiced chastity, Kathy and Carol is an acoustic mid-'60s folk album of considerable bittersweet charm and purity. It's better than many traditional acoustic folk albums of its era and worthy of reissue." (Critic Richie Unterberger.) In 1995, Vanguard Records on *Folk Music at Newport, Part 1*, featuring Kathy and Carol tracks.

In addition to numerous other credits, Carol has taught guitar, harmony singing, voice and songwriting to thousands of people in workshop series in the San Francisco Bay Area and summer music camps nationwide.

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