

LAURA RISK | TRAVERSE



Acclaimed Montreal-based fiddler [Laura Risk](#) returns May 23 with a brand-new album, *Traverse*, a musical journey into the heart of traditional fiddle music that resonates with nuance and vitality. *Traverse's* 10 tracks draw from deep immersion into traditional musical communities, as well as a curiosity towards innovation and exploration. Laura's distinctive sound and compelling interpretations of traditional tunes are intensely personal yet grounded in meticulous archival and ethnographic research.

"Traditional musics are often charged with carrying a sense of cultural identity or nationhood," Laura explains. "From the inside, however, fiddling more often feels to me as if it is about carrying and creating community. Tunes are like unspoken stories: They traverse distances between people

that can't be bridged by words. My last solo album was in 2004, the year before my son was born. Two decades later, this album is born of the roller coaster that is middle age: Love and belonging, learning and teaching, memory and loss."

With Nicholas Williams (Genticorum) on accordion and flute and Rachel Aucoin (Souches à Oreilles) on piano, *Traverse* features a trio composed of three top musicians who have each come to Quebec from elsewhere — Laura from California, Nicholas from Ottawa, and Rachel from the Maritime Provinces — and have been deeply involved with traditional Québécois music for several decades. Together, these three artists play with presence, knife's-edge precision, and a rare intuitive connection that draws listeners into a riveting musical experience.



THE TUNES

1. Stéphane Landry et les Frères Pigeon.....4:16
2. Elsa's.....4:37
3. Retreat Marches.....4:07
4. Peggy and the Doctor.....6:58
5. Jerry's Waltz.....3:12
6. Jane Risk.....5:03
7. Le Rimouski.....3:15
8. Hommage aux Maheux.....4:06
9. Douglastown.....3:17
10. Another Voyage.....3:31

THE DETAILS

Release date: May 23, 2023 (all platforms)
Producers: Laura Risk, Nicholas Williams and Rachel Aucoin
Radio play: Immediate
Recommended: First single, "Stéphane Landry et les Frères Pigeon" (April 13 release)
EPK: www.LauraRisk.com/epk
Sounds like: Alasdair Fraser, Natalie MacMaster, Hanneke Cassel, Lissa Schneckenburger
Radio inquiries: Tom@SuperSonicArts.com, 206-359-2509
Other inquiries: tom.pryor@gmail.com

'LAURA RISK'S FIDDLE IS A REVELATION AND ACHINGLY BEAUTIFUL'

— KEN BURNS