

# MICHELE LUNDEEN “The Queen of Steam”



Prepare for an unforgettable experience when versatile singer, songwriter Michele Lundeen hits the stage. A soulful, mesmerizing vocalist and entertainer, Michele effortlessly blends classic-contemporary Blues & roadhouse rock, Memphis soul, jump swing, Texas boogie, rhythm & blues, sultry jass, funk and more into a satisfying musical stew.

While her energetic, infectious style is truly all her own, Michele Lundeen has been compared to artists such as Bonnie Raitt, Janis Joplin, Tina Turner, Etta James, Aretha Franklin and shades of Billie Holiday. Reaching into the audience with emotional vocals and body language, she's been dubbed "The Queen of Steam" for her electrifying vocal and stage presence. Michele commands attention with talent and warmth and enjoys including the audience in an entertaining, musical romp. Among notable events, she has headlined the 1st National Women In Blues Festival (Wilmington, NC) and the San Felipe Blues & Arts Fiesta (invited back 11x); has been like a Pied Piper at numerous Gator By The Bay Festivals (San Diego, CA); raised the temperature at the Colorado Belle Blues & Brews Fest (Laughlin, NV); had fans racing to her San Diego Blues Fest stage; packed Rollin' On The River (Reno, NV), rock 'n rolled 'em right in the prestigious Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruise showroom (high seas), let the good times roll for thousands during the 2012 and 2013 TGIF Jazz In The Park (Carlsbad) summer concert series, headlined the 2017 Cincy Winter Blues Fest, and rocked the main stage at the 2017 New Blues Festival (Long Beach).

(Photo: Jon Naugle)

Before relocating to San Diego in 1997, Michele entertained the northern Nevada-California area for several years. She and her band have been the support act for dozens of national touring acts such as Elvin Bishop, John Lee Hooker, Debbie Davies, Kim Wilson, Coco Montoya, and more, have performed at top local venues and a variety of festivals as well as private/corporate functions. She's equally at home in outdoor, all-age festival settings as well as large or intimate club venues offering blues, soul and rock or her Madame LeRoux alias (Mardi Gras/New Orleans R&B show in costume!), or her rousing R&B Etta James/Koko Taylor Tribute and swing/R&B show “Songs My Mother Loved.” Available as a 4-6 pc (+) band, trio, duo or featured artist.

Michele is a multiple San Diego Music Award “Best Blues” nominee. She also represented Blues Lovers United of San Diego (BLUSD) in the “International Blues Challenge” in Memphis, TN, after placing first in the BLUSD regional Blues Challenge. Her debut CD, *Song Inside Me* was Nominated San Diego Music Award “Best Blues Album” and also one of the “Best Self-Produced CD” Final Four in the Blues Foundation’s prestigious International Blues Challenge (IBC) category. The 12 track CD features nine of Michele’s self-penned originals, showcasing her passionate, dynamic, versatile vocals and entwining her old-school R&B and blues-based roots (plus a love of Gospel) around each track. The CD receives airplay across the U.S., Canada and abroad and has garnered positive reviews and countless new fans. As a songwriter, Lundeen’s lyrics are poignant, sometimes tongue 'n cheek with arrangements that are down-home yet catchy and danceable.

**Whether club, private, corporate or festival setting, one thing is for sure...  
you can count on a red-hot, personable performance and top-notch  
musicianship from this award winning artist!**

#### **Club Venues Include:**

- Humphrey’s Backstage
- House of Blues
- Croce’s
- Tio Leo’s
- Proud Mary’s
- Pala Casino

#### **References Include:**

- Lake Tahoe Entertainment 775-887-1497 (Reno/Tahoe)
- Claudia Russell/KSDS Station Mgr. 619-388-3759 (San Diego, CA)
- Michael Kinsman/Hoodoo Productions 619-283-9576 (San Diego, CA)
- Blind Raccoon/Betsie Brown 901-278-6850 (Memphis, TN)
- Peter Oliver/Gator By The Bay 619-234-8612 (San Diego, CA)
- Michele Seidman/Nat’l Women In Blues 910-352-7678 (Wilmington, NC)

(see “Notables” for more details)

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# NOTABLES for MICHELE LUNDEEN “Queen of Steam” (aka Madame LeRoux)

## Hi-Energy Blues – Rhythm & Blues - Mean Street Funk - Memphis Soul

*Powerful and soulful vocalist and her band blend classic and contemporary blues, Memphis groove, jump swing, sultry jass and funky soul into a satisfying musical stew. Available as a 4-6 pc (+) band, trio, duo or a featured artist. Talented, professional, personable, entertaining!*

### NOTABLE:

- Nominated “Best Blues” San Diego Music Awards (12x)
- 1st Place Winner - Blues Lovers United of San Diego (BLUSD) “Blues Challenge”
- BLUSD rep in Blues Foundation’s Int’l Blues Challenge (IBC) Beale Street (Memphis, TN)
- Headlined: 1st Nat’l Women In Blues WiB (Wilmington, NC), Cincy Winter Blues Fest (Cincinnati, OH)
- Shared stages with dozens of nationally known blues-roots-rock artists

## CD - SONG INSIDE ME - Michele’s 12 track debut:

- Features guest, award-winning Blues, slide guitar-master Roy Rogers, Johnny Vernazza, and Ed Early among other notables
- “Best Self-Produced CD” Final Four (Internationally) 2006 Blues Foundation IBC
- 2005 San Diego Music Awards “Best Blues Album” Nominee
- Radio recognition includes: 2005 Essential 100, Top 25 and Top 10 (2005-2006)
- Roots-Blues Top 50 charts for 10 weeks - Winter 2006
- Continues to get airplay and sales from around the world (2005-current)

**Shared stages with National Blues-Rock recording acts including:** John Lee Hooker • Kim Wilson • Magic Slim & The Teardrops • Little Charlie & The Nightcats • Queen Ida • Debbie Davies • Lonnie Brooks • Elvin Bishop • Charlie Musselwhite • Coco Montoya • Joe Louis Walker • Jimmy Thackery • Roy Rogers • Michael Burks • The Nighthawks • Candy Kane • The Paladins • Zac Harmon • Tommy Castro • Nick Schnebelen (Trampled Under Foot) • Earl Thomas • Savoy Brown ...and more

**Notable Festivals & Events include:** *(Mexican Riviera)* Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruise 2009 (In Concert w-Laurie Morvan + members of Elvin Bishop & Tommy Castro’s bands) *(San Diego Co.)* San Diego Street Scene • San Diego Blues Fest • Gator By The Bay (6x) • TGIF Jazz In The Park (Carlsbad 2x) • Hillcrest City Fest(4x) • Superbowl Blues Fest • Adams Avenue Street Fair (2x) • Blues Music Camp • Lemon Festival (Chula Vista 3x) • KSDS Jazz Live (Saville Theater) • Jazz In The Park Blues Summit(s) • December Nights/Balboa Park (2x) • Blues In The Schools TV Documentary *(Long Beach)* 2017 New Blues Festival *(Reno/Tahoe area)* Reno Blues Festival • No. Tahoe Blues Fest • Eldorado BBQ, Brews & Blues • Street Vibrations • Rollin’ On The River • Hot August Nights • Nugget Best In West Rib Cookoff • Tahoe Red, White & Blue • Black Hawk Solar Fest(s) *(Laughlin, NV)* Colorado Belle Blues & Brews • Laughlin River Run (2x) *(Wilmington, NC)* 1st & 2nd Nat’l Women In Blues Festival *(Memphis, TN)* Int’l Blues Challenge *(Las Vegas, NV)* Taste & Tunes *(Cincinnati, OH)* 2017 Cincy Winter Blues Festival *(Mexico)* San Felipe Blues & Arts Fiesta (10x) • Ensenada Blues & Rock Festival(3x) • Baja Blues Fest (Rosarito 2x) *(Holland)* 2017 United By Music ...and more

### Notable Venues include:

*(San Diego, CA)* Anthology • Humphrey’s Backstage • Belly Up Tavern • Calypso Cafe • Croce’s • Coyote Bar & Grill • Del Mar Marriott • Gaslamp Speakeasy • Harrah’s Rincon • Hennessey’s • House Of Blues • Jimmy Love’s • La Costa Resort • Lord Hornblower Cruises • Marble Room • Pala Casino • Patrick’s Gaslamp • Proud Mary’s • Saville Theater • Seaport Village • Tio Leo’s • Vail Lake Resort • Viejas Casino, etc. *(Reno/Tahoe)* Cantina Los Tres Hombres • Victorian Square • Siena Room • Hilton • Reno Fairgrounds • Nugget • Wingfield Park • Great Basin Brewery • Hacienda • Reno Hilton • Tahoe Biltmore • Truckee River Park Amphitheatre, etc. *(Memphis, TN)* B.B. King’s • Rum Boogie *(Wilmington, NC)* Front Street Music Hall *(Las Vegas, NV)* Sand Dollar Blues Lounge • City Hall Campus *(Yuma, AZ)* Top of The Kress ... and more

### MUSIC EDUCATOR:

- Presenter/Leader for [Blues Lovers United San Diego](#) Blues In The Schools (BITS) program (2002-present)
- Vocal Instructor/Asst. Music/Camp Director [BLUSD](#) Blues Music Camp (2010-present)
- Featured in (2) BITS education television documentaries (San Diego, CA)
- Interactive Music presenter ages K-3 The Flowers Fields (Carlsbad, CA) (2013-present)

### MUSIC EDITOR:

- Reno Blues Society (14 yrs.)
- Blues Lovers United of San Diego (7 yrs.)
- [Blues Festival Guide](#) - (2002-2014) The Blues Foundation’s 2006 KBA recipient for “Print Media” and West Coast Blues Award Media winner • Blues Festival Guide weekly e-Guide (2012-present)

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# QUOTES/RAVES

- Your show tonite at the Saville was one of the most fun, "blues-to-the-roots" that we've seen in a long time... wonderful! Great song selection and every band member tore it up. "I'd Rather Go Blind" was terrific. ...*Bill Tippetts - KSDS Member (9-11-12)*
- Michele Lundeen used every spare inch of the stage as a dance floor and before long her pipes had walked away with the crowd's hearts. ...*Bobby Whaley - SDCityTimes.com*
- Sassy mama style... A live wire of locomotive energy. Clearly she's an original. ...*Steve Sloan - Las Vegas Journal*
- Michele Lundeen killed us with her smokin' hot blues. From ballsy barn burners to bittersweet ballads, Michele lives up to her name, the Queen of Steam. Anyone looking for a serious female blues artist needs to look no further. She's the real deal and she'll steal your heart with her knockout talent and killer smile. Come see her in San Diego or find a way to get her booked at a club near you! ...*Reviewer Joan Hunt (w-Tommy Castro at Belly Up)*
- Now it was time for the Queen of Steam, Michele Lundeen... she lived up to her nickname and had steam pouring out of her, soaking the audience in hot sultry blues. She worked the crowd into a frenzy. ...*1st National Women in Blues Festival (Headliner)*
- Michele Lundeen is turning up the heat. See her on stage for even a nanosecond and you'll see the way she throws herself into her music. It's easy to see why she's been dubbed the Queen of Steam. ...*Michael Kinsman HooDoo Prod. - San Diego Blues Fest*
- From where I was standing on Virginia Street it sounded to me like the best band of the day was Michele Lundeen and Blues Streak! ...*Roger Slugg - KUNR Reno, NV Radio DJ (2006 Eldorado Blues Fest with Elvin Bishop, Canned Heat, etc.)*
- You are amazing! The band is great and girl you have GOT it! ...*Debbie Davies - Blind Pig Recording Artist*
- What can I say... I was blown away by both you and your band! I can't remember ever enjoying a club band more! ... *club patron*
- You lit up the stage...what I saw was chemistry on a mass scale...and the crowd participation you engaged, I was literally on the edge of my chair. ...*Rich Giglio - IBC Kickoff Concert*
- The best part of the North Tahoe Blues Fest was powerhouse Michele Lundeen.. with a voice reminiscent of Janis Joplin...she was wonderful! ..*Tahoe/Truckee Weekly*
- Girl... you sing that way, down South, anywhere, they'll go wild...they'd love you. ...*Magic Slim - Magic Slim & The Teardrops*
- The Queen of Steam is a must to be seen! High energy with a wonderful voice and great stage presence. ...*Lou "Wolfie" Wolfenson - Maui Blues Assoc.*
- Together the band is hot...with Michele it takes off. It's hard to match "The Queen of Steam" for whitewoman, blackwoman, bluewoman blues. She describes her voice as her persona, everything that she is. And who's to argue? When she sings, everybody gets inside of the blues. ....*Professor Helen Valborg - Reno Blues Society Bluesletter*

• ...A soul-deep singer with a penetrating presence. Her music has a force of its own, with vocals that hit you smack dab between the eyes and knock you a few feet back.

...*Michael Kinsman - San Diego Blues Fest - CD Liner notes*

• Blueswoman by trade, genuine temptress by voice, Michele Lundeen is excessively talented...Soulful in the same way Joplin was fantastically affecting, she sounds like the South in the summer — sweaty, stimulated and full of dancing voodoo.

...*Caley Cook- San Diego CityBeat*

• The success of the set is underlined by the assured handling of the slow-ish, soul-drenched title track. *Norman Darwen - Blues In Britain*

• Lundeen's SONG INSIDE ME is an often scintillating debut CD that displays her leather-lunged power, wise-beyond-her-years instinct and soulful-beyond-her-skin-color melisma to a wonderful effect. This gal is a dynamo for sure.

...*Buddy Blue - San Diego Union Tribune*

• This album makes an excellent calling card for a performer who clearly knows the blues inside and out, and who is able to put her own stamp on the style with the strength of her vocal interpretations.

...*William Ruhlmann- All Music Guide*

• "You're Gonna Make Me Cry" is wonderful soul at its very best. With Vernazza's guitar, Delone's piano and organ, excellent background vocals and a superb vocal from Michele, this is an absolute KILLER track. ...*Paul Harris- Rhythm & Blues (England)*

• She sings with assurance that no one can interpret her songs any better. Each cut on this CD shows another dimension of Lundeen's talent and the feeling comes across that she is not only secure in her singing but enjoys it immensely. ...*Pete Sardon - Southland Blues*

• San Diego's Queen of Steam supercharges a range of roots genres with her powerful voice and compelling style. Horn-driven R&B, slow blues, sultry swamp funk, shuffles, old-time jazz and Stonesey rockers all figure into the mix. ...*Tom Hyslop - Blues Revue*

• Your CD is absolutely wonderful! I was so "tuned in" to your romping steam type music, that I was unprepared for the sheer power and soulful beauty of the softer, subtler stuff. This deserves to be heard by the world ...*Peggy Vaughan - Author www.peggydearpeggy.com*

• SONG INSIDE ME is pragmatic, gut-bucket and effective...a demonstration, a sermon, a textbook and a rally —powerful, lively and humbling... a gift of love from a leader to her community.

...*Arthur Shuey III - writer-author-music reviewer (Blues Bytes)*



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