

Merna Lewis

Fiddle, Violin, Lead Vocals, Backing Vocals, Rhythm Mandolin, Rhythm Acoustic Guitar
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Career Details and Goals:

Toured professionally, studio recording and live performances. 28 years performing experience - Fiddle, violin; backing and lead vocals. Currently performing on a regular basis, as well as live and studio recording sessions.

Seeking an established artist tour, live performances, and recordings.

Available to play various indoor and outdoor events and concerts, corporate functions, holiday parties, commercial trade shows, fairs, festivals, etc. as solo or part of duo or full band acts.

Education:

Associate of Applied Arts Degree in Commercial Music, South Plains College, Levelland, TX – May 2002

Artist Tours:

Tanya Tucker (Fantasy Records), Trent Willmon (Columbia, Compadre - Producer, Songwriter), Chelsea Lena (Universal Music Publishing - Writer; Topliner, Vocal Producer), Billy Arnold (3D Records, Kari & Billy, Drury Outdoors Channel), Johnny Lee (Asylum, Warner Brothers, Curb), The Roys (Rural Rhythm), Dan Roberts ("Beaches of Cheyenne" - Green Hill, Heritage Music, Old Boots Music), Dave Alexander (and The Legends of Western Swing Band) (DAP), Derryl Perry (Lonesome Devil Records), Tobi Lee and Mustang Sally Band (GMG/Universal Records), Gone With The West (unsigned) and more independent artists.

Performance Credit (showcase, artist appearance, songwriter round, concert, etc.):

Danielle Peck, Sierra Dawn Hull, Missy Raines, Alecia Nugent, Gone With The West, Billy Dean, Terri Clark, Darryl Worley, Derek St. Holmes, Miles Schon, John Bohlinger, Gary Chapman, The Roy's, Georgette Jones, Marty Haggard, Jim Brown, Jimmy Parker, Jimmy Snyder, Charlie Louvin, Daryle Singletary, Leann Rimes, Razzy Bailey, Marcia Ball, Johnny Hiland, Terry McBride, John Rich, Jedd Hughes, Amanda Shires, Wade Bowen, Copperhead, Bart Crow, Texas 114, Rodney Pyeatt, Brandon Rhyder, Dub Miller, Aaron Watson, Django Walker, Doug Moreland, Jason Boland, Stoney LaRue, The Burtschi Brothers, Mark David Manders, Jenee Fleenor, Charlie McCoy, Tommy Nash, Randy "Snuffy" Elmore, Cindy Cashdollar, Bobby Boatright, Johnny Gimble, Bobby Flores, Dan Roberts, Scott Sean White, Rich O'Brien, Cross Canadian Ragweed, Chris Blair, BulletProof Brass, Johnny Lee, Jeff Hyde, Clint Strong, Billy English, Chuck Thomas, Krista Lynn Meadow, Maddye Trew, Jeff Anderson, Matt Jenkins, TJ Watson, Vicki Vaughn, Sarah Martin, Sarah Lawton, Mikki Daniel, Mary Kaye Holt, Randy Huston, Micki Furhman, Jim Jones, Clayton Q, James Mitchell and many more.

Under the Tutelage of:

Bettie Freel (Aunt), Dick and Lisa Barrett, Dale Morris, Sr., Joe Carr, Alan Munde, Cary C. Banks (Maines Bros.) Booher Family (featuring Justin Booher, Rudy Booher, Johnny Gimble, & Mark O'Conner), Craig Duncan, Deanie Richardson - studying traditional fiddle, country, bluegrass, jazz and western swing.

Performance Honors & Credits: (Partial list)

International Western Music Association - *Musician of the Year 2023* Nominee
Mustang Heritage Foundation - Mustang Heritage Spectacular - VIP Event - Gone With The West 2023
Paralyzed Veterans of America - Tribute recordings - Dirk Wayne Band 2017, 2018, 2019
Dr. Ralph Stanley Tribute - Grand Ole Opry House - Jim Brown 2019

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Darryl Worley "Stomping Out Cancer" Benefit - Jim Brown 2019
Northfield Church "Night of Hope" Benefit feat. Ricky Skaggs, Leanne Morgan - Northfield Band 2019
Northfield Church "She" event with Meredith Andrews - Northfield Band 2020
Joshua Chamberlain Society Benefit Concert feat. Collin Raye and John Ford Coley - Jim Brown 2016
Dallas Cowboys Thanksgiving Day Half-time Show Feat. LeAnn Rimes (2002 Performance)
"David's House" Benefit Concert - Billy Arnold 2008
Emeril Live - Trent Willmon 2008
Sirius Satellite Radio - Trent Willmon 2008
American Western Artists Awards, Ft. Worth, Texas – Dave Alexander 2003
AAFES & USO Tour for the troops - Italy, Spain, Germany, Andros Island, Cuba, Greenland 2008-2009
Bluebird Café - Ben Floor 2003
Bluebird Café - Chelsea Lena & Sara Haze – Lightning Strikes Twice Tour 2007

Audio Credits: (Partial list)

Jack Vale podcast on CircleAllAccess - *jingle*
Coast 2 Country Radio Show - *jingle*
The Renfrees - 97 Acres album
Tony Zane: Hwy 87 - *single*
Dee Rock: Love Is - *single*
Scott Ross: Don't Play This By the Devil - *single*; Who The Hell is Luke Bryan? - *single*
Jeff Dayton - Heart Shaped Harbor *single* (*credit: Background Vocals*), Levin's Daughters *single*
Jim Brown - (new album TBD)
Clayton Q - Kiss My Kash
Garry Jackson (new album TBD)
JT Greenfield and Luther Lewis - Don't Text and Drive
Tecia McKenna - The Apron Song
Have Guitar Will Travel *theme song jingle*
Weavo - Pencil Marks *EP*, Old Ocoee River *single*, Called Home *single*, Shiner's Son *single*
Billy Kuhn - Starting Again
Mary Kaye Holt - Easy Like That *single*
Emily Kidd - Ramblin' Days *single*
Mike Riley - Thankin' Straight *single*
Evans Barnes - Live from Mary Esther - *album*, Alabama Pines - *single*
Gable Hea - Rumor Mill *single*, (new album TBD)
Louis Lundell - Light of a Brand New Day - *single*, Holding Me - *single*
Braden Baugh - Miss Carolina - *single*
Pedro Reis - When I Kiss You - *single*
Bob Huston - Things He Never Did, Grandpas Box of Dreams, No Truth Like a Liar, Invincible - *singles*
Robin James - Balloons
Bear Lamb - Lubbock Wind - *single*
The Dirk Wayne Band - Thank a Veteran; Dirk & Friends: For the Veterans; Aces & Straits
Lancaster Family - Hero of Israel - *single*
Levi Coby - The Lucky One - *single*, (new album TBD), Let Your Light Shine - *single*
Jaycee Lynne - Whiskey Don't Love Me, Memories to Me, Burnin' Bridges - *single* - (new album TBD)
Chuck Thomas - Cigarettes and Whiskey - *album*, Wounded Warrior - *single*

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Justine Blazer - Wicked Games, Time After Time, Wake Me Up, Stay A Little Longer - *Sync Licence singles*

Jason & Denise - Promised Land

Jim Brown - Jim Brown, twenty sixteen

Sarah Lawton - Sticks and Stones

Sarah Martin - Muddy Boots, Holiday With You, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas - *singles*

Frank Foster - The Way it Was

Matt Bowlin - Band of Brothers, Eight Reindeer - *singles*

Analogue Dogs - Nashville to Jesus, Uber Alice - *singles*

Mark Allen - The Ballad of Mick Moonshine - *single*

Matt Ramsey - Heaven Knows - *demo single*

Chance Yardley - Country Love, Dip Skinny, 19th Hole, L.I.T. - *singles*

John Swat - Throw Down, Dirty Wings *singles*

Chelsea Lena - *singles*

Bart Crow - Bart Crow

Meltdown Morning - 100 Love Sonnets

Texas 114 - Farther

Granbury Live - A Blue Suede Christmas

The Simmons Brothers

Matt Moody

Texas Express!

Video Credits: (Partial list)

JT Greenfield and Luther Lewis - Don't Text and Drive

Steven Lee Olsen - Nashville or Nothing

Jim Brown - *Simple Man: Charlie Daniels Tribute, The South's Gonna Do it Again: Charlie Daniels Tribute,*

Bob Huston - Things He Never Did

Jeff Dayton - Heart Shaped Harbor

Dave Alexander and His Legends of Western Swing Band - Western Boogie

LeAnn Rimes - The Salvation Army Dallas Cowboys Thanksgiving Day Half-Time Show Presentation
"The Safest Place" with Dave Alexander Band and Orchestra - 2002

Jimmy Parker - Take Me Back

Jim Brown - Country Music Church, Honky Tonk Women Opry Debut

Trent Willmon - Emeril Live "Cookin' With Spirits" Season 8, Episode 85 (6/17/05)

America's Deadliest Storm: Galveston Island, 1900 - Film by Ken Mandel (written and composed solo score)

Khan Audio DI - Summer NAMM Nashville, TN 2019 demo

Media Credits: (Partial list)

Alamosa News: *Merna Lewis coming home to the SLV with Nashville's Gone With the West* - July 21, 2023-

<https://alamosanews.com/article/merna-lewis-coming-home-to-the-slv-with-nashvilles-gone-with-the-west>

Nashville Voyager: *Conversations with Merna Lewis*, April 18, 2022 -
nashvillevoyager.com/interview/conversations-with-merna-lewis/

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Canvas Rebel: Meet Merna Lewis, November 17, 2022 - <https://canvasrebel.com/meet-merna-lewis/>

iheartrving: Where the South Still Sings - Summer 2021 edition -

<https://iheartrving.com/magazine/i-heart-rving-summer-2021/> (@iheartrving)

The Human Interest Story: The Becoming of The Barefoot Fiddler - November 3, 2020 -

<https://thehumanintereststory.com/2020/11/03/the-becoming-of-the-barefoot-fiddler/>

(@_humanintereststory)

Lisa Galvani Radio Show on Lyme Bay Radio: Coast 2 Country Music Show - radio jingle

(@lisa_galvani_radioshow, @coast2countrymusicshow)

Alamosa News: MV's Barefoot Fiddler makes it to the Grand Ole Opry - hometown newspaper article, by

Jefferson Geiger, December 23, 2017 -

<https://alamosanews.com/article/mvs-barefoot-fiddler-makes-it-to-grand-ole-opry>

Freedom Forum Institute: Taking on Tootsies - March 21, 2018 by Aleanna Siacon -

<https://www.freedomforuminstitute.org/2018/03/21/taking-on-tootsies/> (link no longer active)

2007 Jazz News: Chelsea Lena to Play Bluebird Cafe in Nashville -

<http://home.nestor.minsk.by/jazz/news/2007/05/2803.html>

America's Deadliest Storm: Galveston Island, 1900 by Ken Mandel - Composed and performed a solo

score for the short film - <https://youtu.be/ocMpJg7diac?t=105> (at 1:45)

Mel Bay Teaching Method books: Western Swing Fiddle, published in 2006, written by Joe Carr;

Contributed to the review of magazine feature -

<https://www.melbay.com/Products/20289M/western-swing-fiddle.aspx>

Fiddler Magazine: Play Fiddle Play, Winter 2002 edition - Featured article regarding Merna leading Aunt

Bettie Freel's legacy, written by Joe Carr - <http://www.fiddle.com/Back-Issue-Contents.page>