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An Evening of Musical Story Telling

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Laura Zucker Photo provided

Mother of three, attorney in a past life, and award winning singer/songwriter Laura Zucker will be appearing at Joe's of Lafayette on Saturday, November 1 at 7:30, for "Telling Our Stories," an evening of musical story telling in celebration of the release of her new CD "A Step Ahead." Performing with Zucker will be singer/songwriters Karen Mullally and Chris Hanson. With a style that has been compared to James Taylor and Shawn Colvin, seeing Zucker and friends perform might be the just the thing for tired trick or treaters.

The acoustic guitar player and vocalist released her first CD, "Left Foot Forward," in August of 2006 to much critical acclaim. The RI Muse describes Zucker's music as, "expertly crafted songs, accessible and compelling, performed with a seasoned finesse and a vocal quality that is honest and direct." She's the winner of West Coast Songwriters, "Best Song of 2007" for "I Can't Let Go" and Best Song 2006 for "It was you." Her song "Memorial Day" was a finalist in the Public Domain Foundation's "Music to Life" contest, resulting in extensive airplay on XM radio.

"I am so fortunate that I get to write and perform. It's very soul satisfying, when so much of my time is taken up with the everyday tasks we all face: grocery shopping, laundry and carpools. And to receive such overwhelmingly positive feedback is like the icing on the cake," said Zucker.

She was performing on the east coast for much of the early 1980's. "I took a break to attend law school and practice law, but knowing I would need something to fall back on, I kept my music skills honed," Zucker jokes. With children at Happy Valley, Stanley and Acalanes, she's only able to devote a fraction of her time to her own music, the rest being taken up with family, her part-time work as a music teacher and guitar teacher for teens and adults.

Go to www.laurazucker.com for a listen. Her haunting song, Memorial Day, references the Lafayette crosses and urges that we should never lose another child to war. "People keep trying to politicize that song, since it's about war, and the crosses. But it's really just a mother's plea, and I think, about something we can all actually agree on."

Joe's of Lafayette, is located at 3707 Mt. Diablo Blvd., on the west end of town. There is no cover charge.

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