

# MARY FLOWER *Bywater Dance*

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“Elegant” and “funky” aren’t words you’d expect to find in the same sentence, let alone used to describe the same album. But **Mary Flower**, one of America’s finest blues and roots performers, pulls off that feat with *Bywater Dance*. A singer with a rich, sultry voice and an accomplished fingerstyle guitarist who also plays flawless lap slide, she reaches to the deepest roots of American roots music for her Yellow Dog Records debut.

*Bywater Dance* brought Mary to a steamy district just downriver from the French Quarter, where her masterful guitar was joined by some of the Big Easy’s finest – **Henry Butler, Jon Cleary and Dr. Michael White**, among others. You’ll hear rolling rhum-boogie piano, moaning Creole clarinet, ragtime washboard and primally funky sousaphone, as Mary is joined by each partner in turn for a marvelous musical dance.

The result sometimes sounds like Memphis Minnie fronting the Hot Five – neither strictly traditional acoustic blues nor straight New Orleans jazz, but a bewitching blend of both that is something new and different. Funky and folky, bluesy and beautiful, *Bywater Dance* is one irresistible musical journey.

#### Key Selling Points:

- Radio campaign includes 200+ Blues / Folk shows
- Advertising focus on roots genre publications including *Dirty Linen*, *Sing Out*, *Blues Revue*, *Living Blues*, *Big City Blues*
- Highlight performances include Merlefest, Kerrville Folk Festival, Prairie Home Companion, King Biscuit Blues Festival, Edmonton Blues Festival, Waterfront Blues Festival
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“With her immaculate guitar playing and warm contralto, Mary Flower finds the sweet spot between modern and rootsy in tunes bred of back porches, parlors, streetcorners, juke joints and country churches.” —*Acoustic Guitar*

“Unassuming blues heroine Mary Flower proves that she’s one of the nation’s premier fingerstyle blues guitarists.” —*All Music Guide*



#### track listing

1. Blues My Naughty Sweetie Gives to Me
2. Raise the Devil
3. Crow Jane
4. New Orleans Hop Scop Blues
5. La Grippe
6. Last Kind Word Blues
7. Terminal Rag
8. Brother, Can You Spare A Dime?
9. Papa’s On the Housetop
10. Hudson River Rag
11. Nobody’s Fault But Mine
12. Main Street Blues
13. Built Right On the Ground
14. Good News Waltz

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