

LISA MATASSA BIO

Lisa Matassa's life is the ultimate comeback story, a fairytale that has yet to have its ending written. From a little girl with a big voice and bigger musical dreams, to an emerging signed dance-pop sensation by the age of nineteen, Lisa eventually put her music career on the backburner to become a wife and mother on New York's Long Island. That fire inside her to perform and record music never died, and now at 40-something and with stunning good looks, Lisa is conquering the music scene once again, with her own unique style that she has lovingly coined, Long Island Country! "I bring a unique perspective to my music now," asserts Lisa. "Not many mothers with teenagers embark on a recording career later in life."

Twenty-three years ago Lisa Matassa was flying high, having snagged a recording contract under the stage name Lysa Lynn, with the independent label Emergency Records which specialized in producing 1980s dance-pop sensations like recording artist Shannon's dance anthem, "Let The Music Play." Lisa, herself, enjoyed some early notoriety with two singles, 1987's "I've Got the Hots For You" and 1988's "Rock Me Baby." Both singles got national and international airplay and reached the Top 10 on the Dance Music Charts. During this time, Matassa performed numerous shows alongside artists like Taylor Dayne, Brenda K. Starr, Judy Torres, and TKA. Though on some level she reveled in her early success, Matassa yearned to shed the dance pop music for an edgier and more soulful sound. As she puts it, "Back then when I had my first record deal they were giving me dance-pop tunes to sing that weren't my style, and I never got the chance to show who I really was." Lisa Matassa was, and still is, a rock n' roll singer with a love for country music and the powerhouse voice to back up her chosen genre.

Now, a wife and mother of two teenagers on Long island, Lisa Matassa is embarking on the next chapter of her music career on her own terms, explaining, "I feel like I have unfinished business. I want to bring this dream of music to the forefront because my time is now."

With two-time Grammy nominated producer Bobby Guy Graziouse, producer Joey Sykes (Meredith Brooks, Third Eye Blind, Don Henley), and songwriting collaborations with legendary country music writer Don Rollins (It's Five O'clock Somewhere) and producer Tony Bruno (Rihanna, Enrique Iglesias), Lisa released her much anticipated EP, *Me Time* on March 31, 2011, which will soon be followed up by the release of her LP, *Sunrise Highway*, in the fall of 2011.

"Me Time," the title track from Matassa's EP, has already gained traction on the airwaves, with more than a dozen format radio stations already reporting "Me Time" as an official addition to their stations' play lists. Lisa is currently on tour promoting the *Me Time* EP with a packed schedule of live musical performances, radio station appearances and television appearances, from coast to coast.

"I love the story telling of country music, but I also love the energy of rock n' roll. I don't think this hybrid of music has been done yet, at least not by someone from Long Island." explains Matassa. As far as her love for her hometown of Long Island, New York, Lisa continues, "Long

Island has always been my home. The talent alone that has come out of Long Island is incredible! It's a melting pot of talent and diversity. Every time I come back home it feels so comfortable, like an old slipper."

Much of Lisa Matassa's EP, *Me Time* was originally composed and written in Nashville. Some of the tracks were recorded at Jim "Moose" Brown's studio in Nashville and the legendary Cove City Sound Studios in Glen Cove, New York where Long Island music legends like Billy Joel, Mariah Carey, Taylor Dayne, as well as musical icons Jennifer Lopez, Marc Anthony, Celine Dion and many more have recorded.

Me Time was released independently through LMA Productions/It Is What It Is Records, and is currently available through www.lisamatassa.com, iTunes, Amazon MP3, Spotify, MediaNet, eMusic, Zune, Nokia, Shockhound, Napster, iHeartRadio and VerveLife.

LISA MATASSA TRIVIA

Born in October (Libra)

Volunteers for Last Hope Animal Shelter

Volunteers for Breathe Believe Foundation

Volunteers for Our Lady of Mercy School in Hicksville, NY

Has two pets, a Boxer named Alfredo and a cat named Roxy

Enjoys go-cart racing with her two teenage kids

Owens 4 horses and enjoys watching them race

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