

Laurie D and America's Got Talent Audition

WOW! So Nov 25th I got an e mail regarding auditions for America's Got Talent to happen on Saturday December 7th. When I read the e mail, I laughed out loud and said to myself, "Oh, why not! Just for fun, they'll never pick and old lady like me!" I didn't even think I'd make it past the online application!

I posted the news on Facebook and wow! – folks came out of the wood work with LIKES and comments like, "Laurie - you're not an old lady!!!" and "You go old lady!!!" BTW – thanks to everyone for all that support!

So on Dec 7th I arrived at the Convention Center in Denver at 8:30 am. I stressed out as soon as I saw the line!!! HUNDREDS of people to audition! I knew I had to get out of there by noon for other gigs that day. But they were SOOO nice and let me cut the line.

Long story short – I went into this big room with two other singers. This cute woman, Lisa, from LA says – "Ok I'll hold my hand up at 90 seconds, don't be offended, that's all the time we have." I watched the other gals sing and watched Lisa hold up her hand at 90 seconds. (Most people got cut at the 90 second point) Then I went, singing my song "I Cant' Wait to See You Again" (which I've won awards for from Billboard Magazine and COMBO, Colorado Music Business Association) I KNOW she let me go WAY over 90 seconds because I had timed it ahead of time! I thought to myself, "Well - maybe *that's* a good thing!"

We left the room and I was getting ready to leave and this guy says "Oh – no – she wants you back in there!" I go back in and she says "Get your guitar back out Laurie!" Then she asked me for two cover songs. I did "Blue Christmas" and then a Bonnie Raitt tune. She interviewed me about my family etc. I talked a lot about my oldest brother, Billy, who was born deaf as my mother had German Measles during the pregnancy. He also has other developmental disabilities. He is the sweetest, good natured guy in the world. I feel it's been a blessing as I have been around persons with disabilities my entire life and feel comfortable being with them and they are such special people. Then my mom was unlucky again and had a daughter with Downs Syndrome that did not survive. I told her that my other two brothers and sister were musical too but never pursued it... I think they should have because they were pretty darn good! I learned guitar by ear but my brother, John and sister, Denise taught me some cool stuff. My mom taught my sister and I to sing while traveling in the car...we would sing three part harmonies!

Then she said "Ok – now you're going to go into another room in front of a panel and you'll be filmed. Do those same songs, they were great... and Laurie... let your personality sparkle just like you did for me!" OMG! I thought I would burst out of my skin with excitement! I was like thank you, thank you!

So I finished up *just* in time to get to my next gig. I had to fill out a questionnaire and one of the questions was "Why are you here?" I wrote "Well – just for fun! BUT...if I did get somewhat famous my highest aspiration would be that I reach many, many, many people

with my environmental message” and then I told them about my “What Can I Do?” project. (Find out about it at the link below)

So now we wait and see...may not know anything until February. I really have no expectations; this was PLENTY enough excitement for me! Honestly it freaks me out to even imagine being on television!

Thanks again to all of you on Facebook for your wonderful comments and LIKES. I hope others can visit my websites and give me some LIKES...it would really help me out! And hey – you can download single songs of mine for only 99 cents each at the “Laurie D and the Blues Babes” link or CD Baby or I tunes! And man would that help me out!

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