

Val Blaha

Americana Singer/Songwriter



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World on Fire: new studio album by Val Blaha

It's been 3 years since Val's last release, and her aptly titled new album **World on Fire** reflects the political, social and physical climate in the U.S. as well as some events that have personally affected Val and her family.

Producer Jamie Hill (Department of Energy Management) helped bring these songs to life by utilizing a sound palette that is more keyboard influenced than Val's previous albums, but which still holds true to her **Americana roots**. The album includes Washington musicians Dave Hannon (guitars), Dan Tyack (pedal steel, resonator), Jessie Turcotte (bass), and Shannon Curtis (vocals), as well as Jamie Hill on drums and keyboards, and Val on vocals, guitar, keyboard and mandolin.

The album contains **personal songs** reflecting on love ("Enough", with sparkling guitar over a bed of swirling synths), divorce ("Nothing Left Here" with a laid back 70s vibe) and loss ("Senseless", with its delicate guitar and vocals). It also contains songs **inspired by our political and social climate**, including "In the Sun", an up-tempo rocker, and "Hell No", a pure country song with a bit of humor. Two of the songs were written after mass shootings in the U.S. "Prayers & Platitudes" is another rocker, and "Wash Over Me" is a mellow anthem with **a call for hope**. Other songs include the dreamy ode "Open Up", "Blood and Honey", a piano ballad lamenting our fast-paced lives, and the title track "World on Fire", a spare guitar-based reflection on change.

Val's last 2 releases *Fact or Fiction* and *Water, Ashes & Wood*, received radio airplay on folk stations around the country. A veteran of the **Yamhill and Washington county Oregon** music scenes, Val has performed at a multitude of venues over the past 10 years as a solo act, and with several bands including Luminous Heart, Top Hands, and Buck Dance Medicine Show. She is comfortable taking center stage in front of large crowds, or performing in more intimate settings, such as house concerts.

Val has been compared to artists such as Natalie Merchant and Bonnie Raitt. She counts **Emmylou Harris**, the Indigo Girls, and Brandi Carlile as three of her biggest musical inspirations.

Track list

1. Enough (3:05)
2. In the Sun (3:10)
3. Nothing Left Here (3:41)
4. World on Fire (3:13)
5. Open Up (3:55)
6. Prayers & Platitudes (3:22)
7. Hell No (3:10)
8. Blood and Honey (3:04)
9. Senseless (3:41)
10. Wash Over Me (4:03)

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