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## 'Blues is a Woman' Set for Saturday

### *Rhythmix Cultural Works*

Celebrating the great women of blues in the heart of International Women's Month Rhythmix Cultural Works presents Pamela Rose's critically acclaimed new show: "Blues is a Woman — from Ma Rainey to Bonnie Raitt." Many women have left their mark on the blues: Bessie Smith, Memphis Minnie, Sister Rosetta Tharpe, Sophie Tucker and many more.

A theatrical concert in which storytelling by the women musicians onstage is woven around the music, *Blues is a Woman* augments the powerful, truth-telling, original songs written and popularized by early Blues women.

According to Tim Jackson, artistic director of the Monterey Jazz Festival, "Pamela and her crew created a magical show that was fun, educational and kick-ass. The whole program was well conceived and had just the right musicians to execute the overall vision. The audience loved it!"

The *Blues is a Woman* ensemble features six outstanding East Bay female musicians including; drummer-vocalist Daria Johnson,



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Guitarist Pat Wilder, left, and vocalist Pamela Rose will perform in Rose's "Blues is a Woman" show this Saturday, March 23.

pianist Jennifer Jolly, bassist Ruth Davies, saxophone-vocalist Kristen Strom, guitarist-vocalist Pat Wilder, and, of course, vocalist Pamela Rose. Through songs and stories, the collective voices of these performers represent the myriad unheard voices of the past and celebrate the powerful contribution women in early Blues gave to American culture.

Don't miss these six fabulous female artists as they tear up the stage in celebration of blues and the women who made it possible! Saturday, March 23, at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. with food from The Station available for purchase along with homemade Blue Lagoons and other blues cocktails. Purchase tickets and learn more at [www.rhythmix.org](http://www.rhythmix.org)