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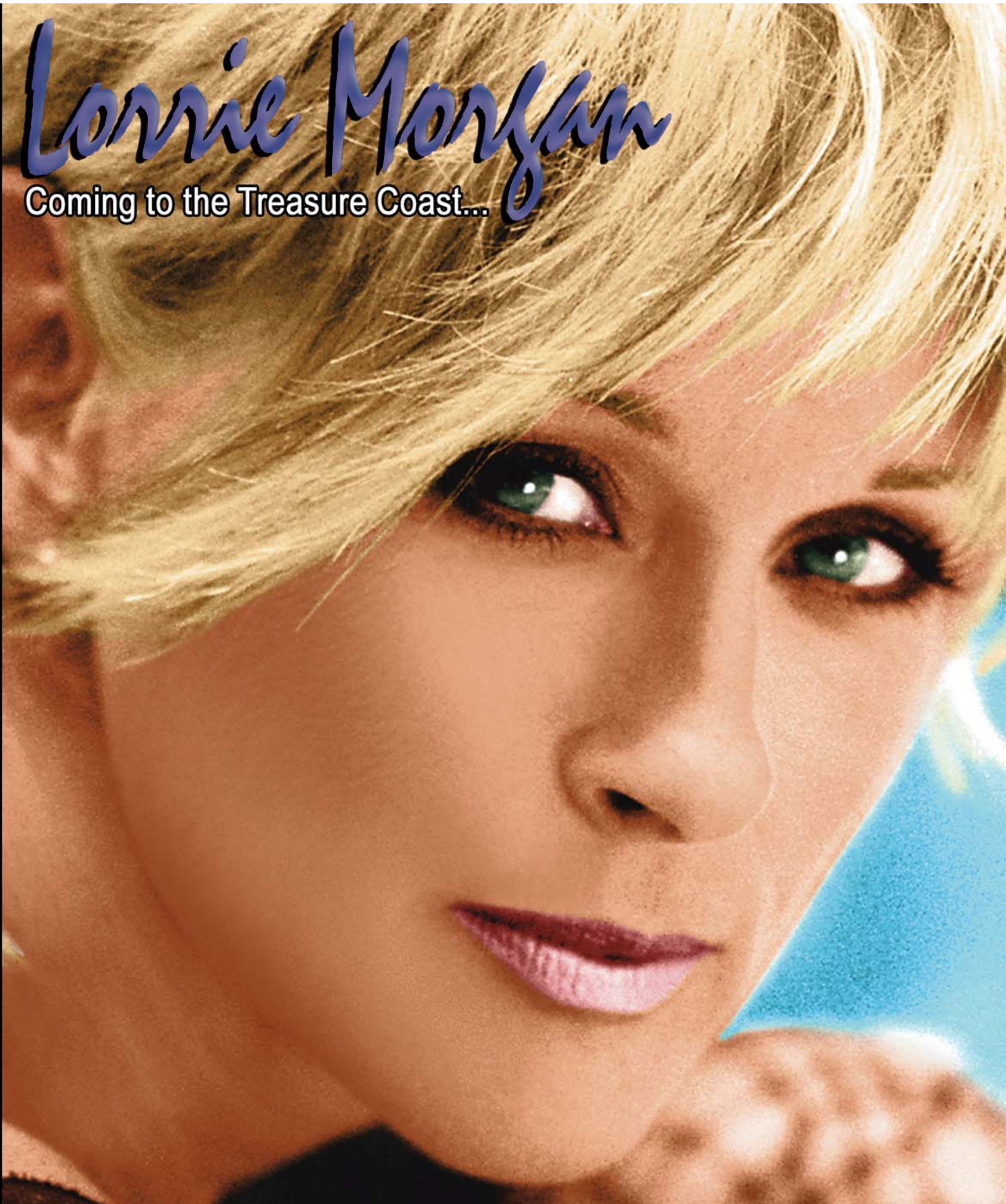
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LORRIE MORGAN: An Artist Who Imitates Life

BY MICHELLE KAPLAN

If it is said that art imitates life, then what about the artist.

For country singer Lorrie Morgan, the lyrics of a stereotypical country song could have been the story of her life. At 47, she has been married five times, currently to fellow country singer Sammy Kershaw. The marriage has not been all love songs; their relationship started when they were both married to other people. They had a brief separation in November 2003, but have since reconciled. Morgan was widowed at 30 when she was married to another country singer, Keith Whitley, who died in 1989 of alcohol poisoning. Her dramatic life also includes losing her father, singer George Morgan, when she was just 16. She also suffered a major blow when she lost her very dear friend country star Tammy Wynette.

This may be where the singer, songwriter gets the material that fuels the fire in her songs that range from passion to heartache. In a July 2004 interview on Larry King Live she said, "There's nothing more truthful than singing a song about what you live." And that thought comes through loud and clear in the music that she's written and in the tone in which she sings those heartfelt songs. The people in her music represent just that theme. They're living in the full rich color that she paints with her voice. They come to life in her music because the music is about life. According to her website she has sold more than 10 million albums, so they are songs that most can relate to. With titles such as "Used," an "any woman's' been there done that" theme. Three of Morgan's songs have hit number one: "Five Minutes," "What Part of No," and "I Didn't Know my Own Strength."

In "Five Minutes," the bags are packed at the front door while a woman is waiting for a taxi to arrive in five minutes.

Just the amount of time she gives her lover to convince her to stay.

But thankfully country songs are not just the blues.

Morgan has made her mark on the industry scoring three number one hits and recording 12 albums with her latest release "Show Me How," in 2004. In 1979, she had a minor hit with "I'm Completely Satisfied," when she was able to perform a duet with her late father by having his voice electronically dubbed in.

In 1984, at the age of 25, she became the youngest singer to join the Grand Ole Opry.

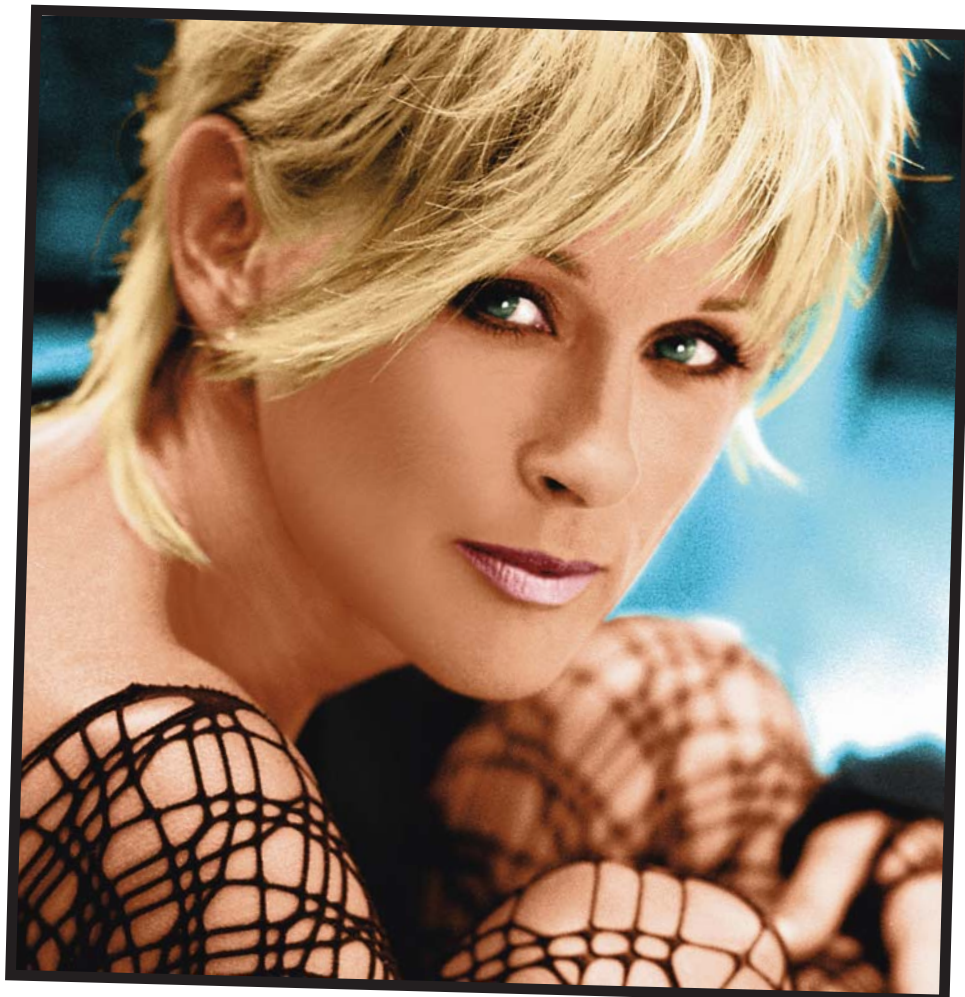
Since that time, she has won many awards including TNN/Music City News Female Artist of the Year four times: in 1994, 1996, 1997 and 1998.

Morgan's real full name may have foretold what direction her life was going to take. Although not named after the famed country star Loretta Lyn, her name given at birth was Loretta Lyn Morgan.

In whatever way Lorrie Morgan got to where she is today, through triumph and tragedy she has come to a place that gives her "a great husband, home life, confidence, and contentment."

Today, as she says on her own website, "Everything Fits."

Lorrie Morgan is set to take the stage at the Sunrise Theatre, 117 South Second Street Fort Pierce, on Saturday, November 11 at 8 PM. For tickets or for more information, call the box office: 772.461.4775.



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The Buzzed Perspective & Ask Darcy



BY MICHELLE KAPLAN

The Buzzed Perspective

“It’s All A Game – But Who Knew?”

There are some rites of passage that everyone goes through.

Birth, graduation, first kiss, first well, you know, car-shopping experience.

After 98,658 miles, I had to say goodbye to one of my best friends, my Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo. Heartbreaking as that was, it was nothing in comparison to the ordeal of finding a replacement – on a budget.

You see... I’m a mother of two, who has refused to conform to the, dare I say it, soccer mom image. No, I will not throw down my keys and plant myself in a mini-van. Let’s face it, who can actually blame the kids in the Camaro next to you when you stop at a red light with some Red Hot Chili Peppers blaring out of the window and glancing at the Camaro. You catch the eye of a few teenagers with that deer caught in the headlights look on their faces, because it just doesn’t add up, Mini Van plus Chilies does not equal cool... more like fool.

So, maybe it’s midlife crisis. If I have to give up my jeep, I’m going to get a convertible, so I thought, but reality has a way of punching you in the gut and it just wasn’t meant to be.

Of course as brave and tough as most people believe me to be, I did bring my boyfriend with me to go through this sacred rite, after all if you don’t have to go it alone, you shouldn’t...And not just because of the “woman alone, get ripped off by smarmy car salesman” thing...yeah, some of them really are...but because of the waiting, which I couldn’t figure out until my boyfriend hipped me to the groove.

Before this I believed that doctors cornered the market on the waiting game, with the coffee service at Starbucks coming in at a close second of course, but nothing compares to the waiting at the dealership. They keep you waiting about 50 minutes per episode. By episode I mean the steps of buying a car.

The first 50 minutes is the actual looking

driving and finding the suitable replacement. The next 50 minutes is the appraisal period, kind of like the Middle Paleolithic, complete with the Neanderthals and lasting almost as long. The next 50 minutes is the “I’m going to level with you period.” This is their version of the reality check when they tell you that your car isn’t worth near where you thought it would be.

But the key here is to not be insulted; it’s all part of the big game. Which reminds me, you got to be on your game and have that game face on because this my friends is the big leagues.

The next stage of the game I like to call the Houdini phase. They all kinda disappear until you finally go looking for them. It’s about this time when I started to wonder just what’s going on. So I ask the boyfriend, what the hell are they doing, what’s the deal with the wait?

This is where he tells me it’s all “part of the game.” Of course he’s into sports, so I’m not sure if he’s just trying to relate it to me in “sports talk” or if he really thinks there’s a game going on here.

Finally he explains to me that they are keeping us hostage there, it’s not my imagination. It’s to keep us from having time to go someplace else and shop. “OH!” That was when the light bulb went off. Later relaying this to another friend of mine, he confirmed the hostage situation by telling me of the time he was in a dealership and they told him they had “lost his keys,” until he finally threatened to call the police, then when the dealer opened the drawer in his desk the keys magically appeared. See Houdini. Ok, so I wasn’t on my game, I didn’t know I was playing one.

Since the whole thing was a game, it ends up the way I view football. After watching a game, I’m wiped out, tired, confused and not sure who won or why.

Well, sadly, I didn’t get the convertible, but I’m proud to say that when I’m blaring the Chilies, the Beasties or the Stones, it won’t be coming out of a mini van.

Ask Darcy

Dear Darcy,

I need help. Rather, I should say, I have a friend in need. I have seen him go through so many lifestyle changes: unstable relationships, financial, mental and emotional problems. I would have cracked. His family is almost non-existent in his life, and his friends don't except the choices he's made. He pushes people away because he is hard to understand; yet, he is one of the most amiable people I know. I listen, when he confides in me, which isn't often enough from what I can see.

I wish there was more I could do to help him open up and be less conflicted with what he wants, and what people expect of him. What do I do to help a friend who can't seem to ground himself?

Concerned

Dear Concerned,

By Darcy von Ohlen

You are right in recognizing that you are not the one in need of help. I would advise you to be careful not to fall into the role of caretaker with your friend. Often, we can become co-dependent in our thinking and neglect our own needs and responsibilities by using all our energy to save other people. Yes, we owe it to our friends, family, our community and society as a whole to be concerned about others and as helpful as we can, only after we are taken care of first. For example, whenever we are on an airplane we are told (in case of an emergency) to first put on our own oxygen mask before helping others. The reason is, if we are unconscious then we are unable to help other passengers put on their masks. It is the same in life.



Nonetheless, it is clear you care for your friend and want to help him. I also recognize you seem him on a deeper, truer level than possibly his other friends. I would advise you to continue doing exactly what you’re doing. You see his journey in life has been tumultuous and you honor him for whom he is as a person. You offer him your time and attention when he asks for it and I can bet that he knows you are available to him when he needs you. What more can a person do for another? If we only all had such accepting and caring individuals in our lives, we would all feel much safer in life. You model for the rest of us what it means to live as a warrior, to step out of our own self absorbed thinking and consider the lives of others, their joys and hardships. This way of life creates a more peaceful and loving world.

“Warriors, warriors we call ourselves. We fight for splendid virtue, for high endeavor, for sublime wisdom, therefore we call ourselves warriors” - Aunguttara Nikaya (from the book, The Way of the Peaceful Warrior by Dan Millman, 1984)

Shine On Warrior!
Darcy

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