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What qualities do great performers possess? Talent of course, and qualities like Tracy K's uninhibited passion and fun, engaging energy that turns gigs into compelling performances. With a mesmerizing voice that at once captures your attention (think Billie Holiday, Bonnie Raitt and Janis Joplin), and incredible harmonica skill inspired by Sonny Terry about forty five years ago, Tracy K has indelibly stamped her versatility on the blues/roots scene. Playing that little tin biscuit has become her trademark asset! Tracy K's been described as soulful by her contemporaries, with a repertoire consisting of her global radio-charting originals, real feel blues, vintage jazz and contemporary roots. She's shared playbills with the top touring blues acts in Canada and the US, some greats like Jeff Healey, Colin James, Koko Taylor, James Cotton, and jammed in Memphis with the who's who of the southern scene on big stages. Her acoustic Blues Duo with their five-star rated album "Canned Heat" have toured house concerts and soft seaters, opened for Ramblin' Jack Elliot twice and shared a private double bill with John Sebastian in the Caribbean. Her musical journey originated in Toronto back in the eighties, back home in the nineties as a solo artist in Winnipeg, then a decade in Thunder Bay, and now based back home in Beausejour, Manitoba. Her Toronto and Thunder Bay foundations remain integral to her career. She was First Runner Up in the Toronto Blues Society's Talent Search, featured at their Harmonica Workshop, prestigious Women's Blues Revue and Blues Summit Showcase. Tracy K's forays into jazz range from single accompaniment to the most lavish treatment as the featured vocalist for two concerts with the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra. She has represented the Thunder Bay Blues Society twice at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis as duo and band. Tracy K has collected nine awards as Best Vocalist, a Western Canadian Music Awards Best Blues Artist nomination, International Songwriters Competition Awards, and Best Harmonica Player (possibly the first female ever to achieve this honour). Tracy K wrote the power house song "Rock This House" for the movie Scared Silent and has appeared in two films with her band. Her greatest thrill though, is being a proud mom of two daughters and a son, now adults and long since empty-nested. Tracy K is rekindling her celebrated music career with fervour after a hiatus for some necessary personal and family time.