

**San Diego Singer/Songwriter Laura Roppé At The Belly Up Tavern on
May 28, 2009 To Celebrate Kicking Breast Cancer**
“Jeff & Jer” Listeners Connect with Single “Float Away”

Hot on the heels of her nomination for Country Album of the Year by the Los Angeles Music Awards 2009, San Diego singer/songwriter Laura Roppé triumphantly returns to perform her “Laura Kicked Cancer” Show at the Belly Up Tavern on May 28, 2009, after having taken a forced hiatus from music to battle breast cancer. For those who listen to “Jeff & Jer” on Star 94.1, Roppé is well known for her self-penned ballad of loneliness and hope “Float Away.” Jeff & Jer aired the song last summer after Roppé had a chance encounter with Tommy Sablan (the producer of “Jeff & Jer”). When the song first aired, Jeff & Jer’s phone lines lit up with an avalanche of listener praise for the song, so much so that Roppé ultimately was invited to perform “Float Away” for Star 94.1 listeners in August 2008. Roppé marveled at her continued good fortune when, mere weeks after her music aired on “Jeff & Jer,” she signed with a UK record label for release and distribution of her album outside of North America. While preparing for an overseas promotional tour in October 2008, however, Roppé learned she had an aggressive form of breast cancer and would have to undergo months of chemotherapy and radiation.

Finally, after many long months of treatment, Roppé will celebrate “kicking cancer” and resuming her musical career, by performing her music at the Belly Up Tavern. Roppé will be joined by Love You Moon, the acclaimed solo project of her cousin, Matthew Embree (of popular progressive rock band Rx Bandits).

Roppé’s debut album, *Girl Like This*, was produced by Grammy-nominated producer Steve Wetherbee at Golden Track Studio in Escondido. In addition to the above-mentioned Matthew Embree on electric and acoustic guitar on several tracks, the album also features other well-known veteran musicians, including guitarist Marc “Twang” Intravaia, fiddle and dobro player Dennis Caplinger (who played on J.J. Cale and Eric Clapton’s *The Road to Escondido*, which won a Grammy Award for Best Contemporary Blues Album in 2008), and violinist Jennifer Argenti.