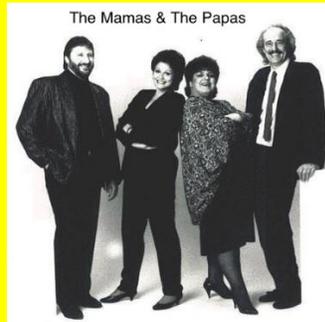


# LAURIE BEEBE LEWIS

*Former Lead Singer*

## THE MAMAS AND THE PAPAS



In 1986 “PAPA” JOHN PHILLIPS of THE MAMAS AND THE PAPAS asked [LAURIE BEEBE LEWIS](#) to join the group to replace his daughter [Mackenzie Phillips](#) as a frontline vocalist in The Mamas and The Papas. The Folk-Rock Quartet of [John Phillips, Denny Doherty, Elaine \(Spanky\) McFarlane and Laurie Beebe Lewis](#) toured the United Kingdom, Europe, and the Pacific Rim and extensively throughout the United States and Canada for seven years.

In 1994 Spanky McFarlane reformed [SPANKY AND OUR GANG](#) and featured Laurie as part of the gang along with some of the original members from the 60’s. Laurie is also featured on YouTube with Spanky McFarlane in a tribute to musicians of Mother Blues, a club in Chicago that included many folk artists of the 60’s.

Laurie’s early years in Chicago include live performances with big band leader **LES ELGART** and **B.B. KING** plus she was a featured guest vocalist with **THE SPINNERS** on their hit song [“Then Came You”](#). This caught the attention of **THE BUCKINGHAMS**.

Laurie joined [THE BUCKINGHAMS](#) in 1983 as a key vocalist and backing keyboards. They recorded their first album since the 60’s in 1985, [“A Matter of Time”](#) with national distribution on Columbia Records.

In 1985 **THE BUCKINGHAMS** (with Laurie) were featured on the renowned **“HAPPY TOGETHER TOUR”** with **THE TURTLES, GARY LEWIS & THE PLAYBOYS** and **THE GRASS ROOTS**, where they performed to sold out audiences in 125 cities. Laurie’s featured song on the tour was [“I’ll Go Crazy”](#). The tour was proclaimed one of the most successful shows that year by Billboard and Performance magazines.

Laurie recorded with **GARY PUCKETT** in 1998 on his first debut album since the 70’s **“Is This Love”** which sold over one million copies abroad. Her strong presence on [“I Want to Know What Love Is”](#), [“Making Love Out of Nothing at All”](#) as well as Laurie and Gary’s duet on [“Alone”](#) can be found wherever downloadable digital music is available.

She also recorded with “The Maestro of Rock” guitarist and songwriter **DICK WAGNER** on a song to benefit St Jude Hospital for Children [“If I Had the Time” \(I Could Change the World\)](#) which features Rock Icons **MARK FARNER, TRINI LOPEZ**, and many more! She was a recent performer and vocal director on the **DICK WAGNER “REMEMBER THE CHILD” Memorial Concert** in Detroit Michigan in February and March of 2017.

In her earlier years in the late 60’s with her band [PITCHE BLENDE](#) she toured with **Dick Wagner, Bob Segar, Alice Cooper and Ted Nugent**.

Today Laurie continues to share the stage with many of the 60’s and 70’s original artists touring as a solo artist with tracks or charts, or with her five-piece band **ELECTRIC UNDERGROUND**.