

# GiRL HOWDY

## ARTIST OVERVIEW

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**GiRL HOWDY** roars into town on a mission to keep the honkytonk torch burning bright! This five-piece combo features an all-gal frontline tearing it up on pedal steel guitar, piano, flat-top guitar and soaring vocal harmonies backed by a top-notch rhythm section on upright bass and drums. Delivering spare yet punchy arrangements, an infectious honkytonk groove and one heck of a good time, **GiRL HOWDY** has been a favorite at festivals, concerts and dances throughout the Northeast since 2003.

**GiRL HOWDY's** current line-up includes well-known roots musicians **Paula Bradley** on piano, **Betsy-Dawn (BeeDee) Williams** on flat-top guitar, **Karen Sarkisian** on pedal steel guitar, **Brian Rost** on upright bass and **Billy Nadeau** on drums. All are top-notch musicians who stay busy with a variety of music projects. Bradley has toured (on banjo) with old-time darlings *Uncle Earl* and toured and recorded with Bruce Molsky and Tony Trischka; Williams plays rubboard with the popular zydeco band *Slippery Sneakers* and has a rockabilly CD "Rocket Girl" featuring her original songs on Spanish roots label El Toro Records;

Sarkisian can be heard around the Boston-metro area with a number of band projects including *Jenee Halstead Band* and *Run 8 Rider*; Rost play bass with many bands including the *Tarbox Ramblers & Raw Symphony*; and Nadeau is a former Texas roadhouse music regular.



Playing music from the classic honkytonk era spanning the last 1940's to the early 1960's, GiRL HOWDY performs songs from such legends as Hank Williams, Kitty Wells, Buck Owens, Loretta Lynn, Ray Price, the Davis Sisters and Webb Pierce, as well as honkytonk-inspired originals. Hog-wild for raw twang, they plow through their retro-based repertoire with energy, enthusiasm and utter devotion. Often partnering with a Texas two-step dance instructor, **GiRL HOWDY conjures the feeling of a Texas roadhouse on a Saturday night.**

GiRL HOWDY released their first CD, a self-produced EP entitled "It's Honky Tonk Time" to rave reviews. Additionally, their main stage performance at the 2006 Rhythm and Roots Festival was released on a FestivalLink CD. Their 2010 EP release "Honky Tonk Hair" features two original songs and received broad radio airplay. Wherever they play, **GiRL HOWDY wows audiences and delights dancers with their high-energy music!**

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"We were entertained on a recent car trip by "Honky Tonk Hair," the fab new release by Girl Howdy (Is there a law against dancing in the car?)...We're still dancin' to the title track and workin' on our hair."

**Boston Globe**

"Girl Howdy obviously has a deep and abiding love for this music, and chances are you'll feel the same way about Girl Howdy if you're an old-school country fan."

**Nippertown.com**

"Girl Howdy represents something entirely different from modern country glitz...a recipe for honky tonk paradise circa 1957."

**Valley Advocate**

"...smart and sweet-singing... Girl Howdy packs some serious gurl-harmony with classic honky-tonkin' grooves."

**Providence Journal**

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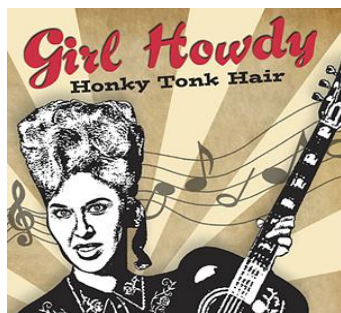
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## VENUES PLAYED (PARTIAL LIST)

Ossipee Valley Music Festival-Ossipee, ME  
Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival-Ancramdale, NY  
Rhythm and Roots Festival-Charlestown, RI  
Texas Steel Guitar Jamboree (2009)-Dallas, TX  
Dance Flurry Festival-Saratoga Springs, NY  
Strawberry Park Folk Music Festival-Preston, CT  
Jenny Brook Bluegrass Festival-Tunbridge, VT  
Hudson River Arts Festival-Poughkeepsie, NY  
Clark Art Institute-Williamstown, MA  
RISD Museum-Providence, RI  
Iron Horse Music Hall-Northampton, MA  
2008 MA Country Music Awards-Randolph, MA  
The Bull Run-Shirley MA  
First Night Northampton-Northampton, MA  
First Night Worcester-Worcester, MA  
Hudson River Theater-Hudson, NY  
Tawasentha Park Summer Concert Series-Guilderland, NY

Johnny D's-Somerville, MA  
Concerts on the Green-Middlebury, VT  
NIMFEST-Providence, RI  
Westhampton Concert Series-Westhampton, MA  
Elm Park Concert Series-Worcester, MA  
PACE Theater-Easthampton, MA  
The German Club-Pawtucket, RI  
Greenfield Classic Day Festival-Greenfield, MA  
Three County Fair-Northampton, MA  
Heath Fair-Heath, MA  
Mineral Springs Bluegrass Festival-Stafford Springs, CT  
PeepToad Coffeehouse-Foster, RI  
Watermelon Weds. Concert Series-Whately, MA  
The Milky Way Lounge-Jamaica Plain, MA  
Cafe Fantastique-Worcester, MA  
Club Helsinki-Gt. Barrington, MA

## DISCOGRAPHY



**GIRL HOWDY**  
**"HONKY TONK HAIR" (2010)**  
**6-song EP featuring originals & Honkytonk classics**



**GIRL HOWDY**  
**"Festivalink.net: Rhythm and Roots Festival 2006"**  
**Live concert set from the main stage**



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