

Thanks to all for making this Gathering a special time to remember Laura!



To our dear friend and “Fanigan”, Danny,  
We are the “lucky ones” to have had you in our lives.  
Your wonderful spirit shall forever remain with us.  
We love and miss you!

and  
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Meadowlands show footage*

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*All of Laura's faithful fans around the world who join with us to carry forth her legacy...*

# The 2008 Laura Branigan *Spirit Of Love* Memorial Gathering

Dedicated to Danny Raboin

Long Island, NY  
August 22-24, 2008

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# Event Itinerary

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## FRIDAY, AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup>

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Registration & Greeting
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Laura video footage
4:00 PM - 4:15 PM	Beach Memorial Travel Instructions
4:15 PM - 5:45 PM	Dinner on your own
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM	Meet in Hotel lot for trip to beach
6:00 PM	Leave hotel for beach (FIRM)
6:45 PM	Arrive at beach
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Beach Memorial / Private reflection on beach
7:30 PM	Return trip to hotel
9:00 PM - 12:00 AM	Viewing of <i>Hold Me</i> tour choreography and band rehearsal Meadowlands show, 1998 Music Videos, Social time

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>rd</sup>

prior to 9:30 AM	Breakfast on your own
9:30 AM - 11:00 PM	Memorabilia Display
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	Laura Trivia Contest w/Trivia Video
12:15 PM - 1:45 PM	Lunch on your own
1:45 PM - 4:30 PM	Laura video footage Final band performance, Mohegan Sun, January 2004
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Dinner on your own
6:45 PM - 7:00 PM	Tribute to Danny Raboin
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Candlelight Memorial
7:30 PM - 8:15 PM	Laura Q & A Session "Fan Forum": share your thoughts on Laura
8:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Viewing of 1990 SRO concert
9:30 PM - 12:00 AM	LB TV and Social time

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup>

prior to 9:00 AM	Breakfast on your own
9:00 AM	Gather in lobby for casual Sunday outing; Planned activity locations: Westhampton Beach, East Quogue, Hampton Bays, and Southampton

**NOTE: Events and times on schedule subject to revision prior to event.**

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# Shadows Of Love

By Tommy Bayiokos

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As we all rendezvous on this four year mark of our dearest Laura, we may engage in a catharsis of the good times, and reflect. It feels like just yesterday while I traveled in disbelief that tragic day. But in life as I learned from Laura, whatever is meant to be will be. All we have is priceless shadows of love from those years, with ashes of her soul forever flying in the beautiful ambiance of East Quogue. It's ironic that the latest CD added to Laura's online store has the tune "Shadows of Love". I remember reviewing tunes to understand them stylistically for the shows. This tune caught my attention because she shows a vocal prowess second to none. She hits this musical "trill" several times in that tune, which I never quite heard before. As I told her this, she just looked at me, smiled in a humble but shy fashion; hence Laura the country girl.

A couple of happy and sad moments to share with you, if I may. I remember the last concert in Boston that July of 2004, and how she asked me about my meeting with the promoter. I told her all went well, but all he whined about was the Commodores arriving with their huge families and entourage, and that he was stressed and perplexed as to how to accommodate all of them. Sure enough, en route to the stage for Laura's show, the promoter told this to LB, and we both had to refrain from laughing minutes before curtain, but we cracked up in laughter about it later over fine Italian food. I remember problems during sound check, and how Vince and Kathy were there to assist in the chaos of fixing the glitch, which made LB happy. On a more serious note, I remember sharing the tune with Laura titled "An Mou Telephonouses", a Greek ballad that also we sadly played at the wake. Of course the delicious four-star dinners, cooking, the Iron Chef shows, gardening, swimming, her close friends, and her mom Kathleen will be forever a shadow of love on every sunny day for me for the rest of my life.

With God as witness, we may rest assured these golden times will be treasured, honored, remembered, and we take them with us forever as a shadow of what once was, to again be re-iterated on heaven's stage. So on this four year milestone for our dear departed Laura, we may rejoice about our times together and know that she is in God's kingdom for all eternity, and I am sure Danny's spirit is happily among us. God bless you all on behalf of the LB legacy, and I thank you all for all your positive contributions in her memory. Laura used to say in her shows "this is for all who have loved and lost". She loved her fans, was protective of her friends, loved the simple things in life, and was singing for all of you with all her heart. May she rest in peace and we miss her dearly.

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# Never Forgotten...

By Kathy & Vince Golik

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Just as we thought another year would come by and we'd be able to see the same warm, familiar faces heading for what has become an intimate gathering of friends, fans, of "family", we too tragically and quickly lost one of those warm faces. Danny was in all respects, the quintessential "Fanigan", being present for everything possible, and a regular presence on the Forum, welcoming new people and coaxing old friends to keep the faith. Though we believe his spirit, along with Laura's, will be with us during these days, his physical presence will be missed.

But perhaps it's fitting that as he molded himself into the voice of welcome to new members in the LB community, he has taken on that part of LB's legacy that seems to keep renewing. Over this past year, just as we've been privileged to be part of three of her out-of-print albums re-issued on CD, we've seen an influx of new fans, particularly in the under-30 age group. Eventually, we will see the remaining albums re-issued, the release of Laura's official final album, and perhaps even crack the Atlantic vaults to work out a highly-sought-after video compilation. And as exciting as those prospects may be, the most exciting of all is that Laura is proving to the world that she will never be forgotten, that she and her music, her soul, and spirit of the song, will live on in those continuing waves of "young ones" who discover her for the first time, and soon count Laura among their favorite artists.

With every milestone, with the passing of every old friend, comes a fresh young life, ready to take up that torch and run with it. That's what we celebrate, that's the legacy we live... that Laura will never be forgotten.