



**Award-Winning**  
***Carol Markstrom***  
**Singer-Songwriter**  
***Desert Rose***

**CD of the Year**  
**#1 Western Charts**  
**Summer 2018**

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***Style of Music***

My original and cover song selections span Western Roots, Folk, Americana, and Outlaw Country traditions with sprinklings of Rock and Blues. I typically accompany myself on acoustic guitar and occasionally have a sideman to fill out instrumentals and add harmony.

***Albums***

- 1. Vision Across the Range – released 2012**
- 2. Crossing Borders – released 2015 – award-winning**
- 3. Desert Rose – released 2018 – award-winning (Nashville-produced by multiple-Grammy winning Bil VornDick)**

## *Music in Film*

Medicine Bottle from 2018 Desert Rose album is in the newly released documentary film, “The Indian System,” produced by Sheldon Wolfchild at <https://www.38plus2productions.com/>

## *Awards and Nominations*

### **AWARDS:**

- 2018 Desert Rose: Country and Western CD of the Year, Rural Roots Music Commission
- 2017 Carol Markstrom, Western Female Vocalist of the Year: Academy of Western Artists
- 2017 Crossing Borders: Original Western CD of the Year, Rural Roots Music
- 2015 Carol Markstrom, Western Female Vocalist of the Year: Academy of Western Artists

### **NOMINATIONS:**

- 2018 Desert Rose Album: Finalist Native American Music Awards
- 2018 Carol Markstrom: Top 5 Female Performer of the Year, International Western Music Association
- 2018 Female Vocalist of the Year, Western Album of the Year, and 5 Song of the Year Nominations, Academy of Western Artists (award ceremony March 2019)
- 2018 Carol Markstrom Top 10 Finalist: Tucson Folk Festival Songwriter’s Competition

## *Overview of Carol’s Music*

**Description:** I have performed for audiences ranging from a handful of guests to hundreds and in locations as diverse as the backwoods of Alaska and the lower 48 to large urban areas. I perform both original and cover songs and adapt to the audience and venue as needed. In some venues, it is apparent that guests want to hear covers and even may sing along; while in other venues the audience appreciates the storytelling quality of my original songs and lyrics that transport to other places, times, and people. Some of my original songs draw from personal and professional experiences among Native Americans. My ballads and love songs range from the whimsical to bittersweet, and the beauty of Western landscapes inspires some of my songwriting.

I am drawn to numerous genres of music which is reflected in my song selections that span Folk, Americana, Western Roots, Outlaw Country, Rock, and Blues. When covering a song, I try to be true to the song, so it is recognizable to audiences, while bringing a fresh approach to its delivery.

One lesser-known piece of information about me is that I have a Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology and for years was a research psychologist and university professor specializing in Native American cultures. I lived and breathed a scholarly life conducting research in various locations, including on remote Indian reservations, and published the results of my research in scholarly books and articles. For a time, I tried to balance my scholarly work with a music career, but two years ago left the academic life behind to pursue my deep desire of being a professional musician. This decision has been abundantly reinforced with performances, awards, special recognitions, and a growing fan base.

**Feedback from Fans and DJs:** Fans remark on and appreciate the clarity of my vocals and articulation as a singer. My emotion-filled song delivery has been noted by many, and fans frequently remark that they appreciate my song selections. Some fans tell me that my singing and music reminds them of such varied artists as Emmylou Harris, Suzy Bogguss, Dolores O'Riordan, Linda Ronstadt, and Natalie Merchant. Yet, others are drawn to my unique vocal qualities.

**Radio:** A wide-range of independent DJs worldwide play my music and I frequently receive requests for interviews. I am very honored that two times DJs have voted to award me a Female Vocalist of the Year Award with the Academy of Western Artists and I have recently been Top-5 nominated as the Performer of the Year by the International Western Music Association.

**Performances:** I try to be a versatile performer who can readily adapt to audiences and venues. I prepare set lists prior to any gig, but sometimes adaptations need to be made depending on the type of crowd. By learning to read the audience, sometimes it is apparent that ballads and my original songs are going over better; while other audiences are after more up tempo, raucous material.

## *Carol's Memberships*

**BMI (<https://www.bmi.com/>)**  
**International Western Music Association**  
**Native American Music Awards**  
**Academy of Western Artists**  
**Folk Alliance International**  
**Pro Cowboy Country Artist Association**  
**Western Writers of America**

## *Sample of Venues where Carol has Performed*

| <b>WESTERN U.S.</b>  |  |
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| Rex Allen Days, Willcox, AZ  | Stampede Saloon & Eatery, Chugwater, WY                    |
| Grand Encampment Cowboy Gathering, WY  | Museum of the American West, Lander, WY                    |
| Gene Autry Oklahoma Museum   | Arizona History Museum, Tucson                             |
| Rio Bravo Brewing Co., Albuquerque, NM                                       | World Famous Sparky's, Hatch, NM                           |
| Tucson Festival of Books   | Oro Valley, AZ, Featured Performer                         |
| Western Music Association, Albuquerque, NM                                   | Tombstone Monument Ranch, AZ                               |
| The Buckhorn Saloon and Opera House, Pinos Altos, NM                         | Cochise Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering, Sierra Vista, AZ. |
| National Old-Time Country, Bluegrass, and Folk Music Festival, La Mars, Iowa | Billy's Wild West BBQ & Restaurant, Silver City, NM        |
| Monterey Court Café & Galleries, Tucson                                      | Bisbee Grand Hotel, Bisbee, AZ                             |
| Luna Rossa Winery, Deming, NM  | Deming Performing Arts Theater, NM                         |
| Crossroads Coffee Company, Tucson  | Hideout Ranch, near Rodeo, NM                              |
| Tucson Folk Festival   | Red Lake Concerts, Hereford, AZ                            |
| Singing Wind Bookstore, Cowgirl/Cowboy Up Event, Benson, AZ                  | Bootheel Cowboy Fiesta, Lordsburg-Hidalgo Museum, NM       |

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| Cochise County Corral of Westerners, AZ                  | Steam Pump Ranch Fall Festival, Tucson                          |
| Catalina State Park Concert Series, AZ                   | Portal Cafe & Lodge, Portal, AZ                                 |
| Desert Gold RV Resort, Brenda, AZ                        | Fiddler's Dream, Phoenix  |
| <b>ALASKA</b>  |   |
| Salty Dawg Saloon, Homer                                 | Down East Saloon, Homer   |
| Salmonfest (largest music festival in Alaska)            | Progress Days Festival, Soldotna                                |
| Diamond M Ranch, Soldotna                                | Odie's Deli, Soldotna   |
| Wildflower Café & Bar, Talkeetna                         | Jitter's Coffeehouse, Eagle River                               |
| Anchorage Market & Festival                              | Kenai Public Library  |
| The Vagabond Inn, Soldotna                               | Veronica's Café, Kenai  |
| The Sea Bean, Seward                                     | Soldotna Farmer's Market  |
| <b>EASTERN U.S.</b>                                      |   |
| Wild West Fest, Frontiertown, Berlin, MD                 | Purple Fiddle, Thomas, WV                                       |
| Pine Mountain Gold Museum Cowboy Event, Villa Rica, GA   | Sagebrush Roundup, Fairmont, WV, Special Night of Western Music |
| Georgia Cowboy Gathering, Carrolton, GA                  | Black Bear, Morgantown, WV                                      |
| Bruceton Mills West Virginia Heritage Day                | Fort New Salem Spring Festival, WV                              |
| Fireside Bar & Grille, Charleston, WV                    | Route 60 Music, Barboursville, WV                               |
| Holiday Inn Commodore Songwriter Showcase, Nashville, TN | Bobby's Idle Hour Songwriter Showcase, Nashville, TN            |
| Common Grounds Coffeehouse, Lexington, KY                | Sister's Café, Princeton, WV                                    |