

## LAURA CORTESE & the Dance Cards California Calling - BIO 2017

Cutting her teeth as a sideman in Boston's roots music scene, **Laura Cortese** forged a unique path through a pool rich in talent (due to a large population of Berklee School of Music graduates like herself) including stints as an instrumentalist with **Band of Horses**, **Pete Seeger**, **Rose Cousins**, **Jocie Adams (of the Low Anthem)**, and **Uncle Earl**. Her Compass Records debut, **CALIFORNIA CALLING**, is the next step in her career as a frontwoman and bandleader - she and her **Dance Cards** (Cellist **Valerie Thompson**, fiddler **Jenna Moynihan**, and bassist **Natalie Bohrn**) break new ground with a bold and elegant new album, based in the lyrical rituals of folk music but exploring new territories of rhythm and sonics. With the support of **Sam Kassirer**, album producer of folk-pop favorites like **Lake Street Dive** and **Joy Kills Sorrow**, they've created something that's simultaneously rowdy, delicate and cinematic. This is post-folk that seriously rocks.