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NEW KIRTAN ROCK BAND
KATIE WISE & BHAKTI EXPLOSION
RELEASES *LOVOLUTION* VIA BHAKTI MAMA MUSIC

(Boulder, CO) Fans of alt rock icons like Shawn Colvin and the Cowboy Junkies and kirtan artists like Sean Johnson & the Wild Lotus Band will adore ***LOVOLUTION*** (Bhakti Mama Music), the debut album by [Katie Wise & Bhakti Explosion](#). The devotion-infused powerhouse band burst onto the sacred music scene in 2015 and has already been featured at festivals such as Lovelight, Arise, Hanuman Festival, Tribal Vision, Flow Fest, and Sister Winds. So it should come as no surprise that their first album, ***LOVOLUTION***, has already received substantial acclaim by *Yoga Journal*, *Om Times*, and *Yoga International*. These kirtan rockers were born to be stars.

Produced by Ben Leinbach (Snatam Kaur, David Newman, Deva Premal & Miten,) and featuring guest vocals by Grammy-nominated mantra music pioneer Jai Uttal, ***LOVOLUTION*** is a tug-at-your-heartstrings mantra-rock opus featuring prayerful lullabies and deep bass rock tunes that slowly build into ecstatic, dance-your-heart-out kirtans. The Sanskrit and Gurmukhi mantras on the album's eight tracks come from ancient India and are designed to help you open your heart, release fear, and heal.

LOVOLUTION features three mantra-and-pop-music mashups that make mantra music more accessible to listeners who are new to yoga and meditation. "Hallelujah / Ram Ma Da Sa" blends a Leonard Cohen-inspired cover of "Hallelujah" with a healing mantra taught by the late Yogi Bajan. "Lokha Love" blends the band's cover of David Crosby's 1971 tune "Music Is Love" with two peace mantras. And "Mystic Krishna" is a heart-opening blend of Van Morrison's 1970 hit, "Into the Mystic" and three ancient mantras.

Meanwhile, the sounds of Shawn Colvin and the Cowboy Junkies inhabit "Jai Ganesha Om," which has a laid-back, lonely desert feel. And the moody tune "Om Mata Kali" features Wise singing a mantra to the powerful mother-goddess Kali, with Jai Uttal's haunting, classical Indian vocals soaring above them. On every track, Wise's soulful, earthy voice embodies vulnerability in a way that turns emotion into art.

LOVOLUTION is certain to position **Katie Wise & Bhakti Explosion** as devotional pioneers in modern mantra music; their music can heal and inspire the world.

"Once you hear their haunting melodies, you can't help but sing along..." —Om Times

"Soulful, tender, and surrendered." —Yoga International

"Wise and her band turn the folk-rock, falsetto original [of "Music Is Love"] into a sultry, soothing tune supported by a bass groove, guitar, and 'chick power' vocals by Wise and bandmate Kristin McLean." —Yoga Journal

ABOUT KATIE WISE & BHAKTI EXPLOSION

Kirtan rockers Katie Wise & Bhakti Explosion bring rock and rootsy world soul influences to their live kirtans and their debut album, *Lovolution*. Hailing from Boulder, CO, this bhakti-infused powerhouse band toured coast to coast last summer and has played six music festivals around the country on their recent Lovolution Tour. Kirtan leader David Newman calls classically-trained lead singer and yoga teacher Katie Wise a "fresh and exciting new voice in the mantra music genre...a solid force and presence for those who look to their music for peace, heart, groove, and spiritual inspiration." For more information, visit www.bhaktimama.com.