

## **LENI STERN to PERFORM AT SXSW, MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**Leni Stern** has confirmed a **March 19<sup>th</sup>** showcase at **SXSW**, at Austin's Copa on Congress.

Stern will be accompanied by members of her international touring band, as she and the group return to the U.S. following a series of European performances in early March.

Leni Stern is a Global Music artist and electric guitarist whose acclaimed CD '**Africa**' has been described as "*one of the finest CDs of the past year, in any genre.*" Two years in the making, the album was recorded at **Salif Keita's** Bamako Studio in Mali, and integrates African and Western music forms with distinction.

This past summer, Stern was invited to perform at the **United Nations**, and subsequently celebrated the European release of her career-defining album.

Stern's live shows deliver an African musical experience to an American audience. **Jazziz Magazine** recently profiled Stern, and noted: "*Though not an African native, the blonde, German-born, Berklee-trained jazz guitarist Leni Stern has become a windswept desert wanderer in heart and spirit. While recording her latest album, Africa (Leni Stern Recordings), she immersed herself in West African culture, living there for the better part of two years. From that rich experience, she created a collection of songs that are an aural history of her music lessons, and that were further drawn from passionate fireside debates and observations about a vast region of the world that is both elementally sacred and relentlessly plagued by political unrest.*"

Stern is currently recording new tracks for an as-yet-untitled CD, due out later this year. More details will be announced soon.

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