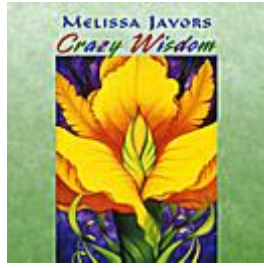


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1990, and was voted Songwriter of the Year in San Antonio in 1993. At the 2001 30th Anniversary Kerrville Folk Festival, Javors performed with the festival orchestra conducted by David Amram. Several of Javors songs have been covered by other artists: Cowboy Fantasy and Grace by Bill and Bonnie Hearne; Grace and The Garden by James Durst; and The Real Woman In Me by Bobbi Lace on Nashvilles 615 records, which rose to the Number 2 spot on the Cashbox Independent Singles chart in 1987. Most recently, Peter, Paul and Mary have chosen to include Wild Horses as a featured song for their current tour. Javors has been battling Type I diabetes since 1979, and received the gift of life from her brother Paul who donated one of his kidneys for a successful transplant operation in 1999. With renewed health and energy, Javors is busy writing and co-writing songs. She is a frequent performer at writers nights in popular hangouts around town. Her latest CD Crazy Wisdom, produced by two time Grammy nominated producer Fred Bogert was released on Chrome Records. A longtime music teacher, Javors now works with first grade English Language Learners at Paragon Mills Elementary School in Nashville, TN. She has served on advisory boards for the Country Music Hall of Fame developing curricula on songwriting and improvisation in the schools. Most recently she brought Paul Reislars Kid Pan Alley to Nashvilles Metro school district where a fabulous CD of songs written by elementary music students with hit song writers was produced with the Nashville Chamber Orchestra and released at the Ryman Auditorium in October, 2004.

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