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250 word bio

Patty Clayton has been described as having a "voice as pure as the prairie wind" and is recognized for bringing her own brand of Western music to the forefront as a performing songwriter whose Buckaroo ballads and "borrowed" songs celebrate the present and the past of western America. A descendant Oregon Trail pioneers who settled and ranched in the late 19th century in the Pacific Northwest, she was raised in the West.

Patty's pure vocals have delighted Western and Folk audiences in a career that has spanned several decades, both as a solo artist, and with her band Cimarron Wind. She has been eagerly sought to share her wonderful sense of harmony for groups such as Jill Jones and the Lone Star Chorale, duet Liz Masterson and Sean Blackburn, and solo performers like Dave Stamey, Gary McMahan, Nancy Thorwardson and Juni Fisher. Throughout her musical career, Patty has also been the exclusive opening act for Baxter Black in Colorado, Ian Tyson in Colorado, and Don Edwards in Iowa.

Both the Western Music Association out of Albuquerque, NM and the Academy of Western Artists in Ft. Worth, TX have presented her with Female Performer of the Year, Western Swing CD of the Year and Female Vocalist of the Year respectively.

She has released six notably acclaimed recording projects featuring her own original material., the most recent entitled The Real West dedicated to the men and women who embarked on the 2000 mile journey from the east to the west.