



## Ana Popovic

This cool cat has a list of accomplishments as long as a Persian tail, but her favorite licks are guitar solos and singing her heart out. Ana Popovic, originally from Yugoslavia, is one of the brightest new stars on the American blues scene. Now residing in the

Netherlands, Popovic released her third album/DVD title, *Ana! Live in Amsterdam*, in 2005. She's got a good grounding in the arts and classical music from the Belgrade Art Academy and The Netherlands Conservatory and holds the distinction of being the first European to ever be nominated for the W.C. Handy Award "Best New Artist Debut" for the *Comfort To the Soul* album in 2003. Popovic and her band won the prestigious French jazz award, "Jazz a Juan Revelation," in Juan Le Pins (2004). This young woman and her band provide the perfect marriage of raucous roadhouse grooves and smooth jazzy instrumentals. Their technique and style will rock you out of your seat and swing you to the beat. Popovic is "a guitar powerhouse in the truest sense of the word. She slings solos with the best of them, whether on material by Buddy Guy, Johny Copeland, and Tom Waits, or on her own originals" (*Blues Revue*). Check out her smooth feminine voice, and hot, hot guitar spots on Saturday night at the Minnesota State Lottery Stage, and then keep the party pumpin' by joining the huge caravan that's likely to be following her to the Powerhouse Bar in Proctor.