

Mp3 Rhonda Jones - From The Heart



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This is the kind of music that will inspire you to enjoy the simple pleasures in life- love, family, children, friends and gives encouragement to those who have faced great tragedy in their own life. 13 MP3 Songs

GOSPEL: Contemporary Gospel, EASY LISTENING: Love Songs Details: Rhonda's story is one of God's faithfulness even during difficult times. Her songs are very personal and deal with issues such as abandonment, child death, God's voice, hope to go on, graduation/achievement, marriage and numerous other topics of interest. Rhonda remembers at a very early age visiting her neighbor's house and exchanging the rolls on their player piano pretending to match her fingers with the quickly moving keys! It was that piano that changed Rhonda's life. A few years later the neighbors had to move and offered the piano to her family because they remembered the little girl that was so enamored by it. Rhonda's parents saw immediately that she had a gift because she would hear a melody and then play it back again on the piano. She began piano lessons at the age of 6 and sporadically learned until she was proficient at the keys. The drive within her heart to learn was so strong that it drove her to teach herself as much as she could. Rhonda grew up in the Salem Free Methodist Church Where her mother was the church soloist and her father led the congregational singing and also taught Sunday school. At age 12 her parents decided to separate. This was an extremely difficult time for Rhonda because she was unsure of who she was and needed her Father's reassurance during this developing time in her life. Even though Rhonda longed for her Father's love she learned to live on without it. Or, at least, she thought so. She rebelled and became a little hellion for her mother to handle. At age 15, however, her Grandparents made the way for her to attend youth camp and it was there that Rhonda accepted Christ into her heart as her personal Lord and Savior. "It was like an explosion" is the only way Rhonda can describe what God began doing with her musical talent. She not only played the piano with a stronger ability but her vocal talent became a

burning desire in her life. She continued to perform throughout her High school years and by the time she was 18 she had received a vocal scholarship to Seattle Pacific University. Before entering College she toured with the Continental Singers to the orient. In 1978 she graduated from Seattle Pacific University with a bachelor of arts in Vocal Performance. While in college Rhonda had met some wonderful friends in the music field and within a few months she began a trio called "Heartsong". The group toured throughout the northwest and Canada. It was during this time that Rhonda began writing songs. She always felt she had the talent to write but the freedom never came to her until 1978 when she received a blessing from her pastor to go forth and share the talents God had gifted her with. The trio was together for 7 years and during that time wrote numerous songs and created 3 albums. In 1981 Rhonda was married, had her first son in 1983 and her second son in 1985. In February of 1985 her husband left her while she was 6 months pregnant. After she had her 2nd baby she tried to rejoin him in California but he disappeared after 3 days. Heart broken, Rhonda carried on as best she could. She decided to be with her boys as much as possible while they were little and made the tough decision to depend on welfare for her income. She lived with her husband's family in California for 1 year and then decided to come home to her family. For 3 more years Rhonda stayed on welfare and lived in low-income housing with her boys. All this time Rhonda's heart continued to look to God for support. She was never angry at God but tried to understand why He had allowed her to go through such a difficult time. God continued to speak and heal her heart. Rhonda was a single parent for 15 years. During that time she began working for Good News Music Service and also accepted the music directorship for Timberlake Christian Fellowship. She ministered at that church for 5 years and then came to Washington Cathedral where she continues to perform. In 1997 she met the man who was to become her husband and in February of 2000 Rhonda married Ted Jones. Rhonda states, "Ted was an extreme gift to me directly from God's heart." In the fall of 2003 Rhonda created her first solo Christmas CD called, "Star Carol" featuring that particular Alfred Burt Carol. "From the Heart" features original songs God gave to her during that long, difficult 15 years. Each song Rhonda has written has come from personal experience. The stories of each song are listed on her website at rhondajonesministries and Rhonda encourages you to read them before you experience the songs. "You'll understand the songs a whole lot better and they'll have a lot more meaning to you if you read how God developed them in my mind and heart".

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