

Mp3 Rhonda Benin - A Matter Of The Heart



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"A Matter Of The Heart" is a mellow and soulfully crafted Jazz, Blues, R&B CD with silky smooth vocalist Rhonda Benin and Soulful Strut, featuring Ron Belcher/bass; Cedric Dennis/guitar; Darrell Green/drums; Charles McNeal/saxophone; Tammy Hall/piano. 10 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Jazz Vocals, URBAN/R&B: Rhythm Blues Details: Rhonda Benin Vocalist With a voice described as sweet, sultry, like caramel sweetened with honey, vocalist Rhonda Benin is enjoying a full and versatile musical career. Rhonda began her career as a member of the Los Angeles based jazz trio Sound of Soul. The group received citywide recognition after winning the prestigious Hollywood Bowl, Battle of the Bands. Rhonda went on to make a career as background vocalist having appeared on over 100 recordings. In 1989 after working with singer Maria Mauldar, Rhonda moved to the San Francisco Bay Area where she branched into theatre with ACTs production of GOSPEL AT COLONUS and, The Oakland Ensemble Theatres MLK WE ARE THE DREAM. She also collaborated with South African trumpeter Hugh Masekela on Dimensions Dance Theatres production of PEOPLE OF THE ZOZOS. Rhonda is a founding member of Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir (CHC), an internationally acclaimed vocal ensemble performing African American roots music. The group has toured over 13 countries. In 1997 CHC was nominated for a GRAMMY for their CD, Shakin a Tail Feather with bluesmen Taj Mahal and Eric Bibb. In 2001, the group released The California Music Awards nominated Say Yo Business, featuring Wilson Pickett, Richie Havens and Odetta. Rhonda also appears on the groups recordings, Good Time, A Good Time, Hippity Hop and Front Porch Music. Rhonda has shared the stage with noted musical artists including Patti Austin, Janis Ian, The Holmes Brothers, Jackson Brown, Sweet Honey In The Rock, and international superstars, Baba Maal, James Keelaghan, Habib Koite, and Rokia Traore In 1995 Rhonda formed her own band called Soulful Strut. My band has been described as a jazz band drenched in soul

with a solid helping of the blues. Recorded live at Emeryvilles Expressions New Media School, Rhondas first solo CD, A Matter of the Heart, is a classic mix of jazz, blues, and soul. Along with Rhondas stunning vocals, A Matter of the Heart, showcases Bay Area musicians, Charles McNeal, Tammy Hall, Ron Belcher, Darrell Green, Cedricke Dennis and Joey Truso. A Matter of the Heart, written by Benin, features a classic vocal/bass duet with veteran musician, composer and music guru Harley White. In addition Rhonda is a sought after vocalist and can also be heard on recordings by Mickey Hart, Carlos Santana, Maria Mauldar, Holly Near, and Eric Bibb. Radio and television credits include, Live Aide, Real Sex, Safeway and the California Lottery. In November 2005 Rhondas, vocals found a permanent home in the new Museum of The African Diaspora in San Francisco. For booking information call (510) 834-5932 or email: rbenin@pacbell.net If you cant sing a song, let BeninSing It!

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