

## Mp3 Breathe - Afterward



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This is real music...singer/songwriter jazzpop with 2 haunting female vocalists - a Canadian-German collaboration supported by a great group of musicians. 11 MP3 Songs POP: with Live-band Production, POP: Delicate Details: b r e a t h e The breathe project came together like the unreflected action of the word itself: a deep breath before diving inhead first into dreams that had been loitering on the outskirts of reality for far too long. It all began in a stairwell in Berlins eastern district of Pankow. Canadian-born Karin Helmstaedt and Judith Engel, a soprano with Berlins prestigious Radio Choir, discovered they were neighbors. By the end of afternoon tea they were fast friends, and making plans for the first of many communal dinners. Late one night after much wine and an inspired singsong with the kids it turns out they had both grown up singing along to the same Joan Baez record! they decided to act. Within a few weeks they had rallied together some local guitar virtuosos and were practicing like mad, working out harmonies for a selection of their favorite pop and folk songs. Six months later, in June of 2001, they performed their first minimalist program of vocals and guitar, made up entirely of covers. By the end of the summer, Karin was scribbling away at her own songs, at which point Rainer Schnoes came on board to make the duo a trio. With his contribution as composer and arranger, breathe developed its own repertoire; in November 2003 they made their first appearance in Berlin with a six-man band of seasoned musicians. The next step was to preserve the work for posterity. After months of recording in and around Berlin and painstaking learning by doing - the band sidestepped the issue of finding a label by founding its own. Forest of Arden is proud to present breathes debut album "afterward," a labor of love and learning, and most certainly, just a beginning. About Us Karin Helmstaedt grew up in Kingston, Ontario, then studied Literature in Toronto, Montreal and Paris. She earns her bread as a freelance journalist and television anchor for Deutsche Welle television in Berlin, but her alter ego dreams up songs, writes lyrics,

and sings lead vocals for breathe. Judith Engel grew up in East Berlin, where she studied classical voice at the Hanns-Eisler Academy. A freelance performer since 1992, she joined the Berlin Radio Choir full time in 1998. Singing a non-classical repertoire with breathe is the realization of a longtime dream and all the really tricky vocals are her department. Rainer Schnoes, aka "Maestro," studied music in Essen and Hamburg; in 2001 he joined the Berlin Radio Choir but he has much more fun playing keyboards and piano for breathe, not to mention composing masterful arrangements, producing, recording, editing.etc.  
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