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"A piano-driven, Southern singer songwriter, raised on gospel blues, playing brokedown junk to break your heart."- Entertainment Chronicle 11 MP3 Songs POP: Piano, COUNTRY: Country Blues Details: Bio Born in Dallas, Texas during what was, according to some locals, the most sweltering August in recent memory, Darius Holbert was born red-hot. Now, after years of stoking the flames and lighting up Southern California, Darius finds himself poised to burst onto the international scene like a house afire. Thats probably why A&R man Barry Squier recently called Darius the hottest new keys player in L.A. His songwriting has won him respect from high profile peers, his composition has won him accolades from clients, and his performing has won him admiration from new fans around the globe. Darius Holbert grew up in a musical family. His mother is a masters degree music teacher and his father is a professional singer and librettist. Darius own musical training began shortly after he started walking. His burgeoning passion and skill for composition, piano, and voice was immediately apparent and nurtured throughout his childhood. In 1987, Darius was selected to be a vocalist in the Texas Boy Choir. He was sent to the choirs boarding school and soon became a featured soloist in the choir, even arranging for the choir and directing a small choir ensemble. He was still only 12. His skills gained him a spot in the prestigious Touring Choir and in 1988 joined their tour of Australia. Upon returning to the U.S., Darius was accepted to the Booker T. Washington High School for the Visual and Performing Arts in Dallas, concentrating on piano performance, M.I.D.I. programming (still in its infancy as a curriculum), and composition/arranging. His creativity spilled over into the other arts; he joined the Visual Art department in printmaking and sculpting as well as acting and singing in theatrical performances at the high school and other area theaters. Darius started playing in local rock outfits by this time, his keyboard playing taking him to Texas honky-tonks and beer joints even though he still wasnt old enough to drive. He played around Dallas for 3

years, making a name for himself as a session player while studying at the performing arts high school. . In 1994, Darius moved to London to study at the University College of London and at the Royal Academy of Music. He studied composition, history and jazz arranging in London, playing with local musicians and wrangling opportunities to hang with international greats like Roy Hargrove (another Booker T. alum) and Stevie Wonder. Darius returned to the States with a scholarship to finish his degree at the music school at the University of North Texas. He studied composition with renowned composer Dr. Martin Mailman and piano with Dr. Mailmans wife, esteemed pianist MaryNan Mailman. He graduated from UNT summa cum laude in 1997. Darius stayed in Denton for the next 7 years, playing in a number of projects, working in studios all around the area, and fronting a touring rock band, Dr. Teeth, which enjoyed great regional successes. He completed his first solo record, Open Letter (82music, 2001) and made a solid name for himself writing and playing music all around the south. In 2001, Darius was commissioned to compose an opera featuring libretto by his father, Dr. John Holbert Ph.D. He packed up and moved out to a mountain retreat in northern New Mexico for inspiration. He consequently went a little insane by himself in the mountains, writing by day and fighting bats by night. At the behest of his sister he came down the mountain six weeks later and moved straight to Los Angeles. Within the first few months of living in L.A., Darius was playing in 14 local projects, composing for television and film, building music libraries for placement companies, working at the top studios around town as a session player, producer, engineer, and songwriter. This is where we find him today, promoting his second solo record, working with the best musicians, composing, arranging, playing live, producing, developing artists, musical directing two new music outfits, and loving southern California. As far as his music career, Darius says there is nothing else in the world that he would rather do...[pauses]... hell, can do! He still has the same fiery passion for music, a palpable ardor rising from his heart. You can take the boy out of the Texas heat, but not the heat out of this Texan. U.N.Owen MRMPublicity 2005

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