



**THE PROMISE**

DEE DANIELS



## **PRAYER + DIAGNOSIS**

In October of 2014 I was diagnosed with breast cancer. Upon receiving the diagnosis I wasn't shocked or fearful. I knew in my heart that I was about to embark on a journey that would lead me to the answer of a fervent prayer that had been in my thoughts for over a year. The prayer was for guidance in fulfilling God's Will for, and in, my life for the remainder of my life. I never shared this prayer with anyone, not even my husband Doug – and we share everything!





The reason I kept it to myself was because I didn't think anyone who looked at my life from the outside would, or could, understand why I wouldn't feel fulfilled. After all, I have a wonderful family life, many dear friends, a successful career, I've travelled the world sharing my music, and I've had some truly wonderful and unique experiences in my life... in and out of music. In spite of living a charmed life, as I began moving towards my mature years, I found myself feeling there was something missing. For a very long time I couldn't put my finger on it but there was definitely a void that was rapidly spreading throughout my being.

With the blessing of my husband, in September of 2011 I moved to a lovely Brownstone in the center of Harlem in New York City. I moved there alone. I told everyone that I was doing so with the intention of expanding my career. I reasoned that by actually residing in NYC, I would be available for new and different opportunities that just would not be possible without actually residing there. I was right! Although I had performed in New York on many occasions, living there was key to career expansion.

When I left my home in Vancouver, I had no idea how long I would stay in NYC, but I did know that it was a

temporary move. Some of the highlights of my stay include being invited to perform in countries that I had not yet been to, recording two CDs: State of the Art for Criss Cross Records (making me the first vocalist and female leader in the label's 35+ year history); and Intimate Conversations, a self-produced CD on Origin Records that is in duo with some of the world's greatest Jazz musicians that are personal friends; being invited to teach at Queens College in the Vocal Masters program; and performing in top Jazz venues in NYC.

With all these, and many more wonderful events occurring daily in my life, I still had that empty feeling inside. In my heart of hearts I made the trek to NYC in hopes of finding my calling. It was at that point that my "regular" prayers turned into what I call "fervent" prayer. My definition of fervent prayer is being in a state of total submission to the manifestation of my desire. Surrendering in this way means you no longer care about what, when, where, why, who, or how His/Her Will manifests...but having faith, the knowingness that it will be done!

So yes, hearing the diagnosis of breast cancer only two weeks after my fervent praying was not a shock. I knew that in the end I would know exactly what I was to do with my life...for the rest of my life. God's light would be shed on that patch of darkness and uncertainty and the hole would finally be filled in my being. I knew that everything I was about to experience was going to be necessary in order for me to fulfil God's Will. Whatever contribution I was to make to the planet would be based on that, along with my life's experience to date.



## MEDITATION + HEALING

Upon diagnosis I decided that a change of diet and adding meditation to my daily routine would be beneficial to prepping my body and mind for the upcoming journey. For the diet, I cut out red meat and sugar and went 100% organic. My darling sister-in-law gifted me with a four day course in Transcendental Meditation. Though I had a wonderful and very experienced teacher, I knew before the four days were complete that TM wasn't the most effective type of meditation for me.

In the meantime I began investigating other styles of meditation. At this time I had been having frequent conversation with a long time friend about topics of a spiritual nature. She had recently discovered that she had the gift of heightened intuitive abilities and we engaged in fascinating conversations about her adventures in accessing those abilities via meditation.

Know that I grew up in the Baptist church and had a strong background in religion that over time evolved into

a strong sense and understanding of my spirituality. So when my friend suggested I try guided meditation to consciously access my spiritual self I was very curious and receptive.

She suggested I begin by listening to guided meditations by Lilian Eden. I did and those meditative sessions became a gateway to healing and creative adventures.





## MUSIC + FULFILMENT

Through daily meditation I was gifted with countless original compositions. They came so rapidly that I had to use my cellphone voice memo to record them during the meditations. Through them I had incredible adventures that led to greater understanding, knowledge, and wisdom about my connection to God and the fulfilment of His/Her Will in my life from that point on. I understood that my entire life had been a fulfilment, but it was about to expand. The songs that I was gifted with through meditation were to be shared with the world. They are personal messages that offer healing, joy, hope, inspiration, guidance,

reminders, and above all else... unconditional love for self and all others. Interestingly enough, this new music has taken me full circle back to my "first" music, Gospel. However, stylistically it is the culmination of my entire musical experience which encompasses Gospel, Rock and Roll, R&B, Blues, and Jazz. I am so happy and excited to share this music with you. May it bless you and be a vehicle for love and healing on all levels of your existence.

To hear the stories behind the songs, visit Dee's website: [www.deedaniels.com](http://www.deedaniels.com)





## 1 Choose Me 4:23

Dee Daniels, vocals; Felton Offard, guitar; Michael Mitchell, keyboards; John Toney, bass; Y.L. Douglas, drums; Dave Pierce, keyboard and synth programmer; Dee Daniels and Tania Hancheroff, background vocals

*Dee Daniels / SOCAN*

## 2 One Moment In Time 5:12

Dee Daniels, vocals; Felton Offard, guitar; Bobby Floyd, piano; Tim Fullerton, bass; Dartagnon Gunn, drums; Dave Pierce, keyboard and synth programmer; Dee Daniels, Steve Grissette, Amy Grissette, Martha Lynn Smith, background vocals

*Dee Daniels / SOCAN*

## 3 The Promise 5:40

Dee Daniels, vocals; Felton Offard, guitar; Bobby Floyd, piano; Tim Fullerton, bass; Dartagnon Gunn, drums; Dave Pierce, keyboard and synth programmer; Dee Daniels, Steve Grissette, Amy Grissette, and Martha Lynn Smith, background vocals

*Dee Daniels / SOCAN*

## 4 My Prayer 5:05

Dee Daniels, vocals and string arrangement; Bobby Floyd, piano and Hammond B3 organ; Dave Pierce, keyboard and synth programmer; Terry Frewer, string synth programmer; Randall Stoll, drums; Dee Daniels, Steve Grissette, Amy Grissette, Martha Lynn Smith, Doug Fleming, background vocals

*Dee Daniels, Ruby L. Boston / SOCAN*

## 5 Healed 6:18

Dee Daniels, vocals; Felton Offard, guitar; Dave Pierce, keyboard, synth programmer and orchestration; Dee Daniels, Steve Grissette, Amy Grissette, Martha Lynn Smith, background vocals

*Dee Daniels / SOCAN*

## 6 Grateful 4:49

Dee Daniels, vocals; Felton Offard, guitar; Bobby Floyd, piano; Tim Fullerton, bass; Dartagnon Gunn, drums; Steve Grissette, Amy Grissette, Martha Lynn Smith, background vocals

*Dee Daniels / SOCAN*

## 7 Love Inside 5:00

Dee Daniels, vocals; Felton Offard, guitar; Bobby Floyd, piano; Tim Fullerton, bass; Dartagnon Gunn, drums; Bill Coon, rhythm and solo guitars; Sal Ferraras, percussion; John Clayton, string arrangement; Meredith Bates, violin I; Serena Eades, violin II; Tony Kastellic, viola; Cristian Markos, cello; Evan Bates, contrabass; Dee Daniels, Amy Grissette, Martha Lynn Smith, background vocals

*Dee Daniels / SOCAN, Barry Greenfield / ZAB Music*

## 8 I Am Forgiven 8:36

Dee Daniels, vocals; Bobby Floyd, piano and Hammond B3; Dave Pierce, keyboard, synth programmer and orchestration

*Dee Daniels / SOCAN*

## 9 Never Alone 5:33

Dee Daniels, vocals; Felton Offard, guitar; Bobby Floyd, piano and Hammond B3 organ; Tim Fullerton, bass; Dartagnon Gunn, drums; Steve Grissette, Amy Grissette, Martha Lynn Smith, background vocals

*Dee Daniels / SOCAN*

## 10 Dance With Me 5:12

Dee Daniels, vocals and synth programmer; Felton Offard, guitars; Bobby Floyd, piano; Tim Fullerton, bass; Dartagnon Gunn, drums; Dave Pierce, keyboard and synth programmer; Sal Ferraras, percussion; Dee Daniels and Steve Grissette, background vocals

*Dee Daniels / SOCAN*

## 11 Love Is The Answer 4:28

Dee Daniels, vocals; Felton Offard, guitars; Bobby Floyd, piano; Tim Fullerton, bass; Dartagnon Gunn, drums; Dave Pierce, keyboard and synth programmer; Dee Daniels, Steve Grissette, Amy Grissette, Martha Lynn Smith, background vocals

*Dee Daniels / SOCAN*





## Recording Studios / Recording Engineers

**Demitone Studio** Vancouver, BC / David Sikula

**Electrical Audio** Chicago, IL / Andrew Twiss,  
Twiss Audio

**Warehouse Studios** Vancouver, BC / Adam  
Greenberg

**The Armoury Studios** Vancouver, BC / Spencer  
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## Mixing Engineer

**Andrew Twiss** Andrew Twiss Audio, Chicago, IL

## Mastering Engineer

**Dan Dean** Dan Dean Productions,  
Mercer Island, WA

## Musicians

**Dave Pierce** Keyboards / Synth Programmer

**Felton Offard** Guitar: nylon, electric & steel string

**Bobby Floyd** Piano, Rhodes, Hammond B3 Organ

**Tim Fullerton** Bass

**Dartagnon Gunn** Drums

**Bill Coon** Acoustic guitar  
(Love Inside solo & rhythm)

**Sal Ferraras** Percussion  
(Dance With Me & Love Inside)

**Randall Stoll** Drums (My Prayer)

**John Toney** Bass (Choose Me)

**Y.L. Douglas** Drums (Choose Me)

**Michael Mitchell** Keyboards (Choose Me)

## Strings

**Dee Daniels** String Arrangement (My Prayer)

**John Clayton** String Arrangement (Love Inside)

**Terry Frewer** Synth Programmer &  
Orchestration (My Prayer)

**Meredith Bates** Violin I (Love Inside)

**Serena Eades** Violin II (Love Inside - chart  
transcriptions for Love Inside and My Prayer)

**Tony Kastellic** Viola (Love Inside)

**Cristian Markos** Cello (Love Inside)

**Evan Bates** Contrabass (Love Inside)



## Background Vocals

**Dee Daniels** Background Vocals &  
BG Arrangements on track 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11

**Steve Grissette** Background Vocals on  
track 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11. BG Arrangements  
on track 4, 6, 9, 10, 11

**Amy Grissette** Background Vocals on track  
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11

**Martha Lynn Smith** Background Vocals on  
track 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11

**Tania Hancheroff** Background Vocals on track 1

**Doug Fleming** Background Vocals on track 4

## CD Photography

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CD cover and recording studio photos

**Bernie Keays** Forest photos of Dee

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**Katherine Penfold**

## Marketing Videos

**Katherine Penfold**

## CD Cover Art Direction

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## CD Cover + Booklet Design

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## Producer

**Dee Daniels** [www.deedaniels.com](http://www.deedaniels.com)

## Executive Producer

**Doug Fleming**  
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## Dedication

To the memory of my mother, Ruby Lee Boston, and to Whitney and Ashdoola.

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