# Reneé Austin EPK

## Soul/R&B/Gospel



## **Shared Stages**

- Los Lobos
- Delbert McClinton
- Keb Mo
- Robert Cray
- Stephen Bruton
- Tommy Shannon (Double Trouble)
- Big Head Todd & The Monsters
- Blues Traveler

## **Brand New Music**

- Songbirds & Angels
- In Your Wake
- Destiny
- That's What I'm Offering

## **Musical Journey**

Reneé Austin is back, with a new Album "Songbirds & Angels", delivering her unique, original Soul/R&B/Gospel music after she miraculously regained her voice.

#### **Miracle Story Video**



Reneé Austin Miracle Story

#### Notable Performances

- PBS Blues Divas with Morgan Freeman
- WWE SmackDown Worldwide Season Premier
- Delbert McClinton's Sandy Beaches Music Cruise
- W.C. Handy Awards
- Chicago Blues Festival
- Winnipeg Jazz Festival
- Tampa Bay Blues Festival
- Memphis in May Music Fest
- Ottawa Blues Festival
- St. John USVI Blues Festival
- Blues From the Top Festival
- Sioux Falls Jazz Festival
- Springing The Blues Festival
- Thunder Bay Blues Festival
- Bayfront Blues Festival

#### **Press**

- "I loved working with Reneé! The depth and soul of both her singing and songwriting knocked me out."
  David Grissom
- "4 out of 5 Stars" The Journal of Gospel Music
- "Reneé Austin makes a triumphant return! Her voice is sweet, gritty and soulful. Reneé isn't back, She's better than back." Anthony Gomes II
- "Austin is really more a genrebuster, alchemizing a variety of Blues, R&B, Soul and Gospel styles." No Depression Mag
- "The sonic beauty of Reneé's new music moves me deeply."
  Bob Margolin
- "Austin's power house vocal talents fashion after Mavis Staples" MPLS Star Tribune

# **Complete Discography**

#### Songbirds & Angels



**Right About Love** 



Sweet Talk



#### Dancin' With Mr. Blue



## Bio

Maybe you saw her on Morgan Freeman's Blues Diva's on PBS? Or, you may have caught her singing live for a season opener for the WWE SmackDown with 6 million viewers? Six-time Minnesota Music Award Winner and WC Handy Best New Artist Nominee, Reneé Austin, calls her music a mix of Soul/Gospel/R&B with a hint of Texas. The Texas, Hill Country raised, multi-instrumentalist and singer-songwriter rose to national attention in 2003 with her first international release, "Sweet Talk" which included the spine-tingling duet "Pretend We Never Met" with 3-time Grammy Winner, fellow Texan and friend Delbert McClinton.



TPT Almanac Appearance

Austin released 3 Records between 1997-2005: "Dancin' With Mr. Blue", "Sweet Talk" and "Right About Love", opening for respected artists such as Los Lobos, Delbert McClinton, Blues Traveler, Big Head Todd & The Monsters, Keb Mo and Robert Cray. Sadly, just two short weeks after the release of "Right About Love", Reneé's singing career was halted just as her star was rising. Tragedy struck when during a surgical procedure, Austin's left vocal nerve became paralyzed. Unable to sing or speak above a whisper, Austin began a new life without music.

But, after years of struggle and heartache, Austin experienced a series of true miracles and her voice has returned. April 2018, her new Album, "Songbirds & Angels", hit the streets with a sold-out Album Release show at the world renown Dakota Jazz Club. She also just signed a worldwide digital distribution deal with The Orchard, a division of Sony Music. Reneé was Executive Producer and Songwriter for Songbirds & Angels writing all 13 tracks. Working with Producer/Guitarist David Grissom (Mellencamp, Dixie Chicks, Storyville, Allman Brothers, Joe Ely) they recorded 4 songs in Austin, Texas. Austin then worked with Producers Douglas A. Smith (P Funk, Nikka Costa, Vann Hunt) and Christopher Furst (Studio 65 Owner, Engineer, Mixing, Mastering) for the other 9 songs recorded in Minneapolis. MN. Austin's voice has been compared to Anita Baker, Tina Turner, Regina Belle, even a female Michael McDonald.



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