



DonnaLynn

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DonnaLynn and the New CD, *Butterfly Effect*

Butterfly Effect is the newest musical project by *DonnaLynn*, the folk duo of Donna Lynn Davis and husband Terry. The songs on this recording will take you to Maui in the West, and to the East where both Gandhi and His Holiness the Dalai Lama inspire songs. They will take you to a past where a long ago kiss still lingers, and where guys took their gals on dates to roadster shows. Influences of favorite Beatles tunes are heard, with Ringo's call for peace and love alongside the sitar, a George Harrison legacy in the DonnaLynn world.

Donna Lynn Davis. Teenager playing on Main Street during the Round-up in her Pendleton home town. Eight years on the Oregon coast, managing the Front Office at the Oregon Coast's Salishan Lodge. Eight Years as Resident Manager of Portland's Heathman Hotel. Currently admissions counselor at Marylhurst University. Singing and songwriting always along for the ride, sometimes relegated to the cracks of her professional life. Now it's 2011 and the release of this third *DonnaLynn* CD moves her singing and songwriting into the forefront.

Influenced by many of the folk greats, from Peter, Paul and Mary to Joni Mitchell to Buffy Sainte-Marie, Donna has developed her own style, with a touch of gospel and a hint of country. The mix includes an unmistakable voice, a passionate heart, crisp acoustic guitar, Terry accompanying, and good friends who like to join in.

DonnaLynn likes to say that they have their roots firmly in the summer of peace and love, a foot in the troubled present and an eye to a brighter future. Their music is their way of sharing that brighter view. "Our hope is that these songs spread a message of peace, love and human understanding to all who listen," says Donna, "If the flapping of a butterfly's wings can cause great change long distances away, we hope our *Butterfly Effect* will cause ripples for peace love and human understanding, far and wide."

Recent and Upcoming News:

Here are some recent event highlights.

- September, 2011 - Performed at the Artichoke Music 40th Birthday Celebration
- October, 2011 – Featured artist on the nationally syndicated radio show River City Folk.
- October, 2011 – Featured showcase at the Far-West Folk Alliance
- February, 2012 - Performed at Winterfolk 24 at the Aladdin Theater
- May, 2012 – Performing at the Shasta Damboree, California

DonnaLynn in *Your Home or Venue.* DonnaLynn will provide your guests with a great show – mostly original songs and stories, and a few covers of favorite songs and songwriters for good measure. Contact DonnaLynn by phone or email:

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What Others Are Saying About DonnaLynn

"DonnaLynn is a breath of fresh air in the music world; a unique voice that evokes both the city and country concurrently. Marked by great songwriting, excellent arrangements and deeply heartfelt performance, this fine duo should be explored at your earliest opportunity. "Butterfly Effect" is their current album on the Blah Blah Woof Woof label. All the tracks are good but especially check out the title track, "Butterfly" and "Questions". As a lover of acoustic music, you will not be disappointed."

- David Stafford, host KKUP's Friday Folk-off Program, San Jose, CA

"The world needs your message and your magic!"

- Tracy Grammer - Multi-instrumentalist, singer and producer, Amherst, MA

"Thank you for *Open My Heart*. I love, love, love it!"

- Mary Morrissey - Inspirational Speaker, Author and Spiritual Leader, Simi Valley, CA

"The good taste and sincerity of Donna Lynn Davis' singing are irrefutable. She precisely modulates not only the sound of her voice, but its emotional tenor as well, proving herself a singer with the most graceful kind of gravitas."

- Jeff Rosenberg, Willamette Week, Portland, OR

"Butterfly Effect hasn't left my CD player since the release concert. I can't stop listening to it. My favorite CD of the year."

- Richard Colombo, Musician and owner of Artichoke Music, Portland, OR

"Your music is inspiring and motivating. Wonderful to listen to."

- Dr. Terry Cole-Whittaker - Inspirational Speaker and Author, Marina Del Rey, CA



Butterfly Effect - Making ripples for peace, love and human understanding wherever it is heard.

Open My Heart - a collection of ten original inspirational folk songs from DonnaLynn.

Listen - They will brighten your day

Butterfly Effect – The Latest CD Release



Butterfly Effect is a recording of songs that we hope will lift each listener's spirit in some way. We send it out to generate ripples of peace and love, ripples of human understanding and compassion. It is our hope that a new ripple will begin wherever someone listens to the songs.

About the Songs

Lookin' for a Miracle came to Donna after re-reading a portion of the book *A Course in Miracles*. We look for miracles every day.

Butterfly was inspired by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, whose smile in the face of great adversity is truly transformative. Love prevails.

Land of 10,000 Mothers is a song by our friend Cosy Sheridan. It speaks to a world where feminine energy is respected and exalted.

From the East was inspired by the life and wisdom of Mohandas Gandhi, who asked us to "be the change you wish to see in the world". This song says yes to that.

Questions is a lighthearted look at ourselves, using the classic journalist's interview questions – who, what, when.... This song is sometimes called the Journalism Song.

Roadster Show is what happens when a songwriter's husband, a lifelong street rod aficionado, takes her to the Portland Roadster show. What does that have to do with peace and love? One could say, Terry loves street rods, and Donna loves Terry. And some of those cars are truly a spiritual experience.

The Kiss is Terry's memory of a long-ago kiss. If we think about it, don't we all have a kiss somewhere in our memory that we'll always remember?

Walk Me to the Door is a song about the last days of a loved one. Donna wrote this about saying goodbye to her dad.

Sunflowers is a song about finding our happiness, often in the little things.

Maui Hears My Heart is a tribute to a place we love, where we always find peace and inspiration.

Love Sticks is a simple homage to love.

My Prayer for You was written by the late Chuck McCabe, a phenomenal award-winning singer-songwriter and good friend. The CD is dedicated to Chuck, to Donna's dad Don Fisher, and to a good friend and lamented Portland icon, Emery Ingham. All were loved and are deeply missed.

Peace Will Come is a long-beloved song by Tom Paxton. It offers hope that peace is possible, especially if we start in our own hearts.