

CD REVIEW

Linda Allen's SINGING THE NEWS



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The performances are a family affair with Linda's daughters, Jen Allen-Zito and Kristin Allen-Zito, joining in several songs, and her husband, Scott Slaba, singing with her on the touching love song, Impossible Things.

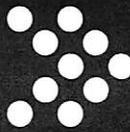
If you want to be informed, inspired, delighted, and thrilled, listen to this album. It is available both as a CD and digitally at <https://www.lindasongs.com/singing-the-news-1>. Let me encourage you to browse Linda's website. It's full of fascinating and uplifting writing and music. ◀

By David Ingerson.

Linda Allen's *Singing the News*, her new album of topical songs centered on current issues, is a joy and an inspiration to hear. It boasts twenty of her powerful and touching songs and celebrates five decades of her performing career. While a significant portion of Linda's career has been focused on the struggles, contributions, and stories of the neglected half of humanity, less than half the songs on *Singing the News* deal directly with women's issues. They involve reproductive choice, caring for children, sexual abuse, and workplace discrimination, as well as assertiveness and even anatomy (*Bless My Breasts*)!

The others cover a wide range of topics, from houselessness and the economic control of the 0.1% to racism, immigration, the environment, government disaster response incompetence, and the terrorism of war. As usual with Linda's songs, all the songs on this album have poignant, touching, powerful, revealing lyrics and melodies that reflect their various moods: gentle and lyrical to bold, brassy, or bouncy. In addition, her accompaniments and arrangements always add color and interest to the songs.

Possibly the most outstanding aspect of the album is Linda's vocal interpretation. The expressiveness of her voice is always spot on. Whether tender or strident, lyrical or percussive, her vocal eloquence adds to the power of her lyrics and music.



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