



ABOUT THE PRODUCER OF *GREATER THAN THAT: THE BEST CHRISTMAS SONGS YOU NEVER HEARD*

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Beverly Egan Houston

As Executive Producer of *Greater Than That: The Best Christmas Songs You Never Heard*— 14 new or little known Christmas gems sung by as many or more distinctive artists— Beverly Egan Houston conveys her diverse musical background into a holiday delight.

More musical genres turn up here than on the typical compilation, even more remarkable considering *Greater Than That* is a Christmas compilation. One revels in the variety: Rock and Roll ... adult contemporary... classic R&B style... cabaret...Texas swing... 60's style girl lament... 40's Rosemary Clooney style ... Inspirational and more!

In short, there's something for everyone!

Equally interesting is the caliber and variety of voices Houston cast to deliver this genre potpourri: Well-loved country singer Sonny Burgess; Oprah pop finalist, Anna-greij LaBasse; gospel singer Benita

Arterberry Burns; blues artist Mikki Honeycutt; swamp pop mainstay, Warren Storm; dreamy voiced WT Greer; two time Kerrville Folk Finalist, Jeanie Perkins; Louisiana Elvis-contemporary, Joe Auenson; and Christian Grammy winner, Steve Archer each add a distinct spice.

I suppose pulling off a project like *Greater Than That* simply requires a producer who, say, was raised "in the shadow" of the Louisiana Hayride in Shreveport, who sang through years of church choir Sundays...and who would also be the daughter of an internationally performing opera singer. Add a music degree in voice to this musical arsenal of influences, and Beverly Houston succeeds aptly.

In addition to producing and gathering a notable array of songs and artists for *Greater Than That*, Houston contributes lyrics and/or melodies to six of the project's fourteen songs.



Producer Bev Houston with Christmas CD "Greater Than That"



A Word from the Producer

Working on *Greater Than That*, first composing, then producing, was both a challenging and pleasurable task.

It seemed so daring...to come up with 14 new Christmas songs for one CD! But I do know this: I'll never forget the Christmas spirit I was in for the better part of two years while working on it.

Molding new holiday songs from manuscript paper and lyric sheets into wonderfully rendered performances was thrilling!

Working on *Greater Than That* seemed an ultimate experience. Yet the title song always serves as a reminder...there is always something greater!