

# Darden Purcell

## *Where the Blue Begins*



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Darden Purcell's highly anticipated second album, *Where the Blue Begins*, masterfully showcases her honey and spice drenched voice, artistic sophistication, and vocal maturity. From her adept navigation of intricate lines on "Destination Moon" to her delicate interpretation of "Stairway to the Stars," *Where the Blue Begins* demonstrates Purcell is a musical "tour de force."

Throughout the album, Shawn Purcell's arrangements illuminate fresh adaptations of well-known standards such as "Old Devil Moon" and "You Stepped Out of a Dream" as well as more obscure pieces "This Bitter Earth" and "Moon and Sand." Produced by Doc Severinsen drummer Stockton Helbing (drums and cymbals), with musical direction by Shawn Purcell (nylon string and electric guitar), *Where the Blue Begins* also features first-call Washington D.C. musicians, Todd Simon (B3 organ, piano, wurlitzer, Fender Rhodes), Paul Henry (acoustic and electric bass) and Kenny Rittenhouse (flugelhorn and trumpet).

From the Jazz neophyte to the most seasoned aficionado, *Where the Blue Begins* satisfies all.

*Darden Purcell's new recording Where the Blue Begins is an instant classic that will satisfy both the most sophisticated jazz fan as well as the casual listener. Whether deftly delivering lyrics, or joining the ensemble in intricate musical lines, Darden is completely at ease and in control. She floats effortlessly through a rich fabric of creative arrangements crafted by guitarist, Shawn Purcell. His genius is heard throughout the recording and is joined by an all-star cast of seasoned sidemen. This is music-making at the highest level!*

- Alan Baylock

American Composer, Arranger and Director of the University of North Texas, One O'Clock Band

*Darden Purcell's latest CD release Where the Blue Begins is a masterful compendium of incredible vocal stylings, wonderful playing from her husband Shawn Purcell on guitar, and imaginative arrangements that are full of fresh and inventive ideas! I found myself constantly engaged and eagerly awaiting what was around the next musical turn.*

- Chip McNeill

Grammy Award-winning Saxophonist, Arranger and Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Illinois



### Track Listing:

1. Destination Moon (5:22)
2. Moon and Sand (5:18)
3. Lullaby of the Leaves (4:40)
4. You Stepped Out of a Dream (4:35)
5. This Bitter Earth (5:12)
6. Old Devil Moon (6:15)
7. Darn That Dream (5:44)
8. No Moon at All (3:31)
9. The Nearness of You (4:45)
10. Wrap Your Troubles in Dreams/Weaver of Dreams (4:23)
11. Stairway to the Stars (4:04)

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