

Pidgie

Joining Pidgie on *Just Breathe* are a host of friends including Liberty Devitto (drums-Billy Joel): Scott Spray (bass-Johnny & Edgar Winter), Christine Ohlman (vocals, The Saturday Night Live Band), Bobby T Torello (drums, Johnny Winter/Grace Slick), Cliff Goodwin (guitar, Joe Cocker), Al Ferrante (guitar, Cyndi Lauper/Edgar Winter), Ron Rifkin (keys, Charlie Karp), and Bill Holloman, (horns, Nile Rogers & Chic). The CD is produced by multi-award-winning New England record man Vic Steffens at his studio Horizon Music Group.

Pidgie (Patti Panzarino) is, truly, a “Renaissance Woman On Wheels.” She wrote most of her album *Just Breathe* in the middle of the Covid 19 pandemic, using the quarantine as a time of reflection and expression, and as a tool to encourage, validate and inspire others. She knew there were many who were feeling the same things and wanted to reach out to them. In her own words, *Just Breathe* was written to comfort the higher level of anxiety most people are facing during this time.”

Born with a condition called Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), Pidgie is no stranger to challenges and the will to overcome. The new CD addresses the ups and downs of life, how to rise from the ashes as a better version of oneself, and taking the chance to love again. She is also no stranger to righteous confrontation and advocacy, having served as Ms. Wheelchair Massachusetts; as a founding member (and current vice president) of the Coalition for Disabled Musicians; and as the host of several radio series over the years.

Multi-award-winning producer Vic Steffens helmed the board at his Horizon Music Group Studios. Joining Pidgie are special guests Liberty Devitto (Billy Joel), Christine Ohlman (Saturday Night Live Band), Bobby T Torello (Johnny Winter/Grace Slick), Scott Spray (Johnny & Edgar Winter), Cliff Goodwin (Joe Cocker), Al Ferrante (Cyndi Lauper/Edgar Winter) and Ron Rifkin (Charlie Karp). Vinny Rinaldi reprises his role as acoustic guitarist from All In, his and Pidgie’s 2011 collaboration with their band OLYPSYS.

Some of the tracks are intensely personal and/or directly reference the Covid crisis. “They Took You Away,” was written after her 97-year-old father passed away alone in a nursing facility during a pandemic lockdown. “Just Breathe,” the title track, offers hope to those in fear and anxiety during these troubled times. A cover of the Nina Simone gospel classic “I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel To Be Free” calls to mind the 1960s civil rights movement and its direct influence on the struggles for Disability Rights worldwide. (And in a “full-circle moment,” Pidgie had first recorded it with her church youth group choir at age 15).

The CD’s rockers are strong--and evocative. “Accessory,” the CD’s first single, features burning guitar from Cliff Goodwin, Joe Cocker’s longtime musical director. And, in “Kick Ass Boots” -- a worthy successor to “These Boots Are Made For Walking”—Christine Ohlman of the Saturday Night Live Band joins Pidgie in a joyous rap, as they torch a wrong-doing man.

Pidgie is on a mission.....to rock with style and determination, and to soothe with poetic justice.

PRAISE FOR PIDGIE:

“I had met Patricia Panzarino (Pidgie) a few years back through our friend Christine Ohlman. I had always admired her passion for music, so when I was asked to play on her album I jumped at the opportunity. Her lyrics give the listener an view of the world through Pidgie’s eyes. And the fact that she encouraged the musicians in the room to be a part of the arrangements was very reminiscent of working with other major artists. I wish her all the success she deserves.” - Liberty Devitto, multi-platinum drummer (Billy Joel)

“Pidgie is such a wonderful talent. I am always impressed with how she can deliver her deep emotions clearly in all her music! She is talented and expressive!” - Dom Famularo, Drumming’s Global Ambassador:

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6. I Wish I Knew How it Would Feel to be Free
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9. Hell Again
10. A Perfect Lie
11. The Finest Gift
12. What a Price to Pay