

## ARTISTS BIOS

Frannie Faith has earned high accolades for her career not only in recording, writing and singing, but also as a revered certified meditation teacher. Frannie's singing and acting career includes background vocals for Whitney Houston's *True Voice* commercial, as well as singing and acting on *As the World Turns* soap opera. She co-wrote a song for Patti Austin and released five CDs produced with Jeff. Her philanthropic work includes many fundraisers for worthwhile charities including Hadassah and for Israel. She also created a children's meditation CD for Yale's pediatric cancer fair. Her skills in meditation have been recognized by well-known retreat centers such as *Kripalu* and the *Omega Institute*. Frannie considers herself a lifelong learner of spiritual traditions including Jewish Mysticism and Chassidut that she studied at Yeshiva University. She is passionate about her continued studies of Kabbalah and Jewish meditation and has been facilitating workshops for nearly 7 years at Temple Shalom in Norwalk, CT.

Jeff Southworth's musical career has encompassed all aspects of performance: composing, arranging, producing, songwriting and singing. He played guitar for two years with Hall & Oates, and many others including Laura Branigan, Graham Nash & Dan Hartman. His Clio winning television and radio work includes writing, arranging and producing for Ray Charles, Aretha Franklin, Leann Rimes, Graham Nash, Whitney Houston and others. Jeff wrote and produced music for the hit PBS children's show *Dragontales*, and arranged and co-produced Frannie's CDs, as well as CDs for three Princeton University acapella groups.

Sharon Bryant, had her 1st record deal on CBS Records at the age of 12. As the lead singer in the group ATLANTIC STARR, and then as a solo artist, she had multiple #1 records. She has recorded and/or performed with Sting, Elton John, Billy Joel, Michael Jackson, Alicia Keyes, Stevie Wonder, Patti LaBelle, Justin Timberlake, Luther Vandross, Mary J. Blige, and Harry Connick Jr., and The Dave Matthews Band, just name a few. Sharon was a featured singer and percussionist in The Rascal's Broadway show. She has been performing with Frannie & Jeff for the past 30 years.