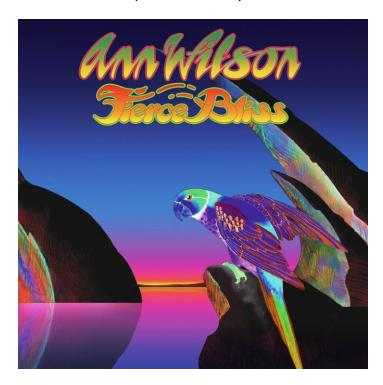


RELEASES STRATOSPHERIC VERSION OF QUEEN'S 'LOVE OF MY LIFE' IN DUET WITH VINCE GILL

NEW ALBUM, FIERCE BLISS, NEARS RELEASE



COVER ART BY ROGER DEAN FIERCE BLISS IS AVAILABLE TO PRE-ORDER AT THIS LOCATION

April 20, 2022 – **Ann Wilson** releases the breathtaking rendition of **Queen**'s "**Love of My Life**," featuring vocals from **Vince Gill**. Taken from **Wilson**'s forthcoming album, **Fierce Bliss**, out April 29 via Silver Lining Music.

"'Love of My Life' is a beautiful song about endless love. It was my honor to duet with Vince Gill on this song; an unforgettable experience for which I'm grateful!" – Ann Wilson

Wilson has always enjoyed bringing new life and verve to classic songs, and with **Queen**'s '**Love of My Life**' she has helped fashion a definitive version which stands toe-to-toe with the original.

"I had the idea for the **Queen** song '**Love of My Life**' as a duet, so I just tried to picture who would be 'the male angel' that would sing the other part of it," explains **Wilson**. "I thought how great the song would be if it was stripped down and just sung with soul, and it had to be **Vince Gill** because he's got that voice, that soul."

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Wilson's rendition of Robin Trower's "Bridge of Sighs" is another spectacular take on the classic featuring on *Fierce Bliss*.

"'Bridge of Sighs' in my opinion is the best blues song ever written," offers Wilson. "That's really saying something because it's the vastness of the blues world, but this song is about true existential dread. It isn't just you're hurt because you lost your boyfriend or girlfriend, you're on the edge of the abyss."

"I like stuff that goes all the way," **Wilson** continues. "I'm one of these people that halfway is not good enough. So, with **Kenny Wayne Shepherd**, one of the coolest monster guitar players around, it just made so much sense, and he tore it up. One of the most rewarding things for me as a singer, to not be hurried. The best singers are the ones who can sing ballads and really make it work, because you don't have to be a genius to be a rock shouter or sing rock songs. But that ballad, where it's slowed down or stopped and you're center stage with the spotlight? Every little nuance is important, and I think that's what "**Bridge of Sighs**" was for me."

One of the premier hard rock vocalists of all-time, **Wilson** smashed boundaries with her band **Heart**, the 8-times Platinum, 35 million-plus selling Rock and Roll Hall of Fame trailblazers who formed in 1973. During a decadeslong career, **Wilson** rode the roller coaster of fame, fortune and madness, learning both joyous and hard, hard lessons along the way. Fast forward to the summer of 2020 and a road-trip with her husband (all aboard a rented tour bus with protocols observed!) saw **Wilson** in the Bay Area, where she ran into the legendary veteran 'artist's lawyer' Brian Rohan; it was the catalyst for **Fierce Bliss's** creation.

Fierce Bliss is not just an album for fans of **Ann Wilson** and **Heart**, it is an album for everyone seeking a lavish ticket out of the sharp edges of an increasingly fraught society. **Fierce Bliss** also marks perhaps the first time in her illustrious career that **Ann Wilson** has truly felt the wind in her wings, something which might seem a strange statement given her pioneering history.

To cap it all, the album artwork comes from the mind and hands of celebrated fantasy artist **Roger Dean**, who aside from his work in fantasy art is also renowned for his **Yes** sleeve artwork.

"I love **Relayer** (**Gates of Delirium**) painted with almost no colour and other works with equal power and equally restricted pallets, however, sometimes I just love to let go. With **Fierce Bliss** there is a strong psychedelic current flowing throughout, something that I love but don't do often enough. Mike Inns helped to keep the psychedelic presence intense especially with the Parrots and made sure that we got this over the line intact. It was great fun working on this." – **Roger Dean**

Fierce Bliss will be released April 29, 2022 via **Silver Lining Music** and is available to pre-order now on CD Casebound Book (deluxe package), Vinyl and Digital formats <a href="https://example.com/here-order-now-new-com/here-

Listen to recently released "*Greed*", the chart-topping singles "*Missionary Man*" and "*A Moment in Heaven*" <u>at this location</u>

Wilson will soon be hitting the road with her new band, and make no mistake, she's a performer at heart thus her excitement is palpable. Tickets for 'AN EVENING WITH ANN WILSON OF HEART & THE AMAZING DAWGS' can be purchased at this location; more dates to be announced soon:

MAY 4 - San Francisco, CA - Great American Music Hall

MAY 5 - Napa, CA - The Uptown Theatre

MAY 7 - Pala, CA - Pala Casino Spa & Resort

MAY 9/10 - Los Angeles, CA - El Rey Theatre

MAY 13 - Toronto, ON - Scotiabank Arena (with Journey)

MAY 16 - Quebec City, QC - Centre Videotron (with Journey)

MAY 24 - Tulsa, OK - The Church Studio

JUNE 8 - Nashville, IN - Brown Country Music Centre

JUNE 11 - Peachtree City, GA - Fred Amphitheater

JUNE 13/14 - Nashville, TN - Basement East

JUN 16 - Tampa, FL - Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tampa

JUN 17 - Ft. Lauderdale, FL - Parker Playhouse

JUNE 24 - Joliet, IL - ATI Field at Joliet Memorial Stadium

JUNE 25 - Milwaukee, WI - Summerfest

JUNE 30 - Detroit, MI - Jazz Cafe Music Hall

JULY 1 - Cincinnati, OH - Hard Rock Casino Cincinnati

JULY 3 - Woodstock, IL - McHenry County Fairgrounds

JULY 21 - Beverly, MA - The Cabot

JULY 23 - Webster, MA - Indian Ranch

JULY 26 - New York, NY - Sony Hall

JULY 27 - Port Chester, NY - Capitol Theatre

JULY 29 - Atlantic City, NJ - Borgata

JULY 30 - Floyd, VA - FloydFest

AUG 31 - Costa Mesa, CA - The Pacific Amphitheatre

SEPT 2 - Puyallup, WA - Washington State Fair

Fierce Bliss Track Listing:

- 1. Greed
- 2. Black Wing
- 3. Bridge of Sighs
- 4. Fighten for Life
- 5. Love of My Life (feat. Vince Gill)
- 6. Missionary Man
- 7. Gladiator
- 8. Forget Her
- 9. A Moment in Heaven
- 10. Angel's Blues*
- 11. As the World Turns

*Available on CD and digital formats only

Ann Wilson - Vocals Tom Bukovac - Guitar Tony Lucido - Bass

Sean T Lane - Drums, Percussion & Bike

Gordon Mote - Keyboards Tim Lauer - Keyboards

Produced by **Ann Wilson** and **Tom Bukovac**

"Gladiator" and "Angel's Blues" produced by Ann Wilson and Warren Haynes

Mixed by Chuck Ainlay

Recorded by Chuck Ainlay at Fame Studios, Muscle Shoals, AL and Soundstage, Nashville, TN "Gladiator" and "Angel's Blues" recorded by Joe Paterno at Power Station, Waterford, CT "Black Wing" Recorded by Sean Walker at Uberbeatz, Lynnwood, WA Mastered by Greg Calbi at Sterling Sound, Edgewater, NJ Executive Producer Jim Zumwalt

Musicians who appear on Fierce Bliss:

Vocals - Vince Gill on "Love of My Life"

Lead Guitar - Kenny Wayne Shepherd on "Bridge of Sighs" and "Missionary Man"

Guitar - Warren Haynes on "Gladiator" and "Angel's Blues"

Guitar - Tyler Boley on "Black Wing"

Keyboards - Danny Louis on "Gladiator" and "Angel's Blues"

Keyboards - Dan Walker on "Black Wing"

Bass - Jorgen Carlsson on "Gladiator" and "Angel's Blues"

Bass - Andy Stoller on "Black Wing"

Drums - Matt Abts on "Gladiator" and "Angel's Blues"

Choir - The Rev Nathan Young Singers on "Missionary Man"

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