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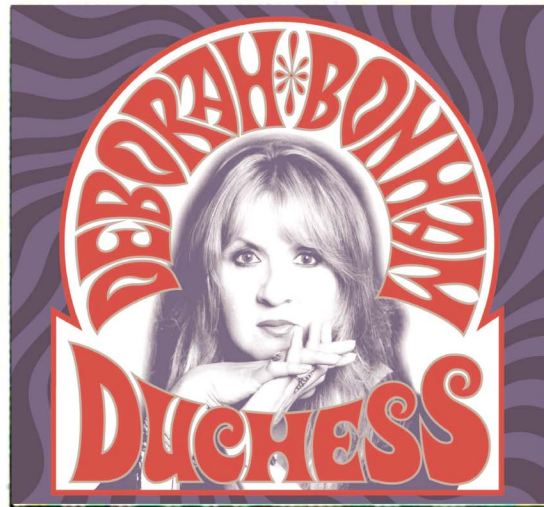
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DEBORAH BONHAM

Duchess

ATCO/Rhino

"Duchess" is Deborah's debut American CD and contains thirteen co-written songs, with guest performances from the likes of Jason Bonham and Paul Rodgers. It highlights the real quality



of Deborah as a Blues mama par excellence. Her vocal is reminiscent of the great Janis Joplin, but Deborah's register is slightly lower, giving more depth and a gutsy feel. She has surrounded herself with her band and session players who are top class and fully compliment her talent. There are some stunning guitar riffs, bass and drum underpins. 'Hold On' - a heart wrenching duet with Paul Rodgers - is sensational and is reminiscent of Eric Clapton in his middle era. An emotive plea that throughout all the pain and tragedy of life, of which Deborah has known her fair share, you should hold on and open your eyes - time is healer and life has much to offer still. Profound words!

'Duchess And The Shufflemeister' is power Blues ballad that tears at your heart in its intensity and screaming emotive vocal. If you like Blues-rock with an emphasis on the Blues, you'll love this CD. In Deborah, we have a new "Queen of rock Blues!"

Carol Borrington