

Anita Renfro

Bio

She has been described as “a triple shot of espresso in a decaf world,” but there isn’t a latte cup big enough to hold the party that Anita Renfro brings. Her inventive blend of musical comedy and inspiration leave audiences with cheeks that hurt and hearts infused with humor and hope. The moment she takes the mic, you can be sure truth will arrive in Technicolor—as different as Kansas is to Oz. As a comedian, musician, author, and speaker, Anita stretches each experience beyond the normal boundaries. (Who wants to be *normal*, anyway?) She is decidedly original, bodacious in her faith, and unashamedly REAL.

With the ease of your best girlfriend, Anita brings practical wisdom paired with fall-off-your-seat humor. “Laughter breaks down walls. It disarms people. It allows extraordinary truth to be communicated in unexpected ways,” says Anita. “Laughter really is the shortest distance between two hearts.”

When Anita takes the stage, few subjects are off limits—and she has a refreshingly honest, flat-out-funny take on them all. The hallmarks of her ministry are summed up in the words of her own song, “Keeping it real, keeping it simple, keeping it true.” Anita’s high-octane messages (*Life is funny! Age is a reason for celebration! God is passionately in love with you!*) resonate with audiences, engage hearts, and supply truth in one vibrant, hilarious package.

“I started out in music (writing and singing), but funny is who I am,” Anita says of her love for both music *and* comedy. “The older I got and the more authentic I became, the more the funny parts started coming through. And it is amazing that once you offer up all the stuff that God has hard-wired inside of you, He loves to do things that you could never imagine. Comedy is that for me—a wonderful surprise. The fact that I get to deliver some of that comedy through music is pure joy.”

Anita is a multifaceted creative artist, and her projects reflect the remarkable diversity of her gifts. Books, comedy concert videos, and CDs, both vocal and instrumental, all convey Anita’s insuppressible joy that lightens the hearts and feeds the souls of her audience.

Anita and her husband, John, make their home in suburban Atlanta with their semi-grown children, Calvin, Austin, and Elyse.

PROJECTS FROM ANITA RENFROE:

The Purse-Driven Life (in stores now)

A Purse-Driven Christmas, (available October 2005 from NavPress)

Emmy Award Winning "Bananas" episode

"Thinking Out Loud" comedy video

"Keeping it Real" comedy video, winner of the 2004 ICVM Silver Crown Award

"Sisters in the House!" comedy video

"It's a Girl Thing" vocal CD

"The Present" vocal CD

"Come Away" live praise and worship CD

OTHER IMPORTANT STUFF:

Contributing author for *Laughing Out Loud* (Hallmark/Snapdragon 2004), *The Groovy Chicks Road Trip To Peace* (Cook Communications 2005), and *Scriptwriting* (Lillenas Publishing 2005)

Popular radio and TV guest

Hosted and emceed major industry events (CBA, AWSA, ICVM)

Board member and showcase talent for Christian Comedy Association

Anita's songs have been recorded by many Christian artists and are included in choral collections