

Toni Childs

*powerful vocals and charismatic live performances
with a cosmic balance of delicacy and power*



**“...a more direct, unfussy rock-pop
approach with some roots elements...”**
— Bill Holdsworth, *Rave Magazine*

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It's been a little over twenty years since singer/songwriter **Toni Childs** first burst onto the charts in 1988 with her debut single “Don't Walk Away” from her Grammy-nominated album *Union* and officially entered the collective pop-rock consciousness. The magnetic singer known for her uniquely resonant voice and irrepressible charisma made quite an impression with several collections of songs distinguished by lush, driving melodies and emotionally honest lyrics. The singer's acclaimed career was brought to a halt when she was diagnosed with the debilitating auto-immune disorder, Graves Disease in 1997. **Childs** retired to the island of Kauai and quietly overcame her affliction with a self-healing regimen of holistic living, self-awareness and a newfound self-love. With the release of *Keep the Faith* in January of 2009, **Toni Childs** has made a triumphant return to her first love—making heartfelt, inspiring and expressive music.

With *Keep the Faith*, **Childs** re-approached producers **David Tickle** and **David Ricketts**, the creative team behind the success of her hit debut album *Union*. Recorded primarily in **Ricketts**'s studio in Kauai, the sound is a departure from the multi-layered drum loops, sequencing patterns and exotica of previous recordings. **Childs** discovered the joy of writing songs on the acoustic guitar and by comparison, the songs on *Keep the Faith* are much more stripped down with an emphasis on bluesy grooves and harder driving rock rave-ups. The title track establishes the tone of the album with its gritty, simple guitar-based groove and lyrics that implore the subject to persevere through adversity and stay hopeful through dark circumstances.

Keep the Faith is a life-affirming work celebrating perseverance in all things. In 2004, **Childs** won an Emmy Award for the song “Because You're Beautiful” which was originally featured in the documentary *Until The Violence Stops* by **Eve Ensler** (*The Vagina Monologues*).

Toni Childs in 2010 is the embodiment of the holistic lifestyle. Simplifying her life in the throes of Graves Disease, **Childs** settled onto her 4.5 acre Prosperity Farm on Kauai raising over 120 laying hens, 50 ducks, two horses, two dogs, and a cat named Mouse. She is an activist with organizations such as GMO-Free Hawaii (genetically modified organisms) and has developed a line of organic products through her company, Feminine Mysteries, which is committed to providing Certified Organic skin and body care products free of sulfates and known carcinogens.



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