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“Tara has a genuine heart for ministering to the church and an exceptional voice for just such a purpose,” is how Camp Kirkland describes Tara Jackson.

Born in Louisville, Kentucky, and raised just outside of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Tara grew up in a ministry oriented family. With both of her parents actively involved in the church music ministry, Tara was raised with not only a love for music, but a love for the Lord. At a young age, she began singing duets with her mother, and became actively involved in the children’s choir. During her childhood, God used these experiences and other defining moments to plant a desire in her heart to deliver His message through music.

Throughout high school, being a part of state and national choral programs, along with involvement in an organization ministering to students about abstinence and dating, Tara began to clearly see the path God was beginning to define for her future ministry. However, the passion she feels for her ministry today became deeply rooted in her college years at Appalachian State University, where she took a position in the music ministry at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Boone, North Carolina.

One of her most memorable experiences while at Appalachian State University came through singing and ministering at Hebron Colony, a Christian recovery center for alcohol and drug addiction. Here, God used her voice to minister to the hearts of the program participants.

More recently, Tara has become involved with The Bridge Ministry in Nashville, TN. This ministry was founded in 2004 by Candy Christmas to reach out to the homeless and low-income population of Nashville and the greater metro area. At least twice a week, Tara faithfully sings with Candy and other local gospel artists for the Bridge Ministry. “Every week we encounter new people who have never been told that Jesus loves them and that *we* love them. Each and every week, I am amazed at how God moves among the forgotten people of our community, and changes lives right in front of our eyes.” Tara’s love for the Lord and her desire to see people’s lives changed by God exceeds even her vocal talent.

Tara aspires to make music that will reach to the heart of every individual, to see people’s lives changed by the power of God. She says, “I am committed to sharing Christ, and living my life as a testimony of how greatly God can use His children to share His love.”

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What People Are Saying...

"Tara Jackson has a genuine heart for ministering to the church and an exceptional voice for just such a purpose. I always look forward to hearing her sing and testify to God's goodness and love."

-- Camp Kirkland, Dove Award Winning Arranger and Orchestrator

"Tara Jackson is a ball of energy, with a servant heart."

-- Dennis Allen, Dove Award Winning Christian Music Composer/Arranger

"Stunning! Her voice matches her spirit- true and fresh!"

-- Kim Bindel, Morning Air Personality, Salem Music Network

"Tara has not only been gifted with a powerful voice...but...her heart's passion is to reach people with the love of Christ. She sings with more passion and heart than anyone I've heard in a long time."

-- Carol Davis, Program Director, Blue Ridge Broadcasting

"Tara possesses a wonderful talent with such an exceptional voice. She has a genuine heart to serve God!"

-- Sharon Hayes Hodges, The Hayes Family

"I remember the first time I heard Tara and thinking how awesome she is. She has such a wonderfully unique voice. It just draws you in."

-- Becca Jackson, Former Recording Artist, Word Records

"When thinking of Tara Jackson one is reminded of the Bible verse, '...shining like stars in the universe.' She is a bright light in the field of gospel music - singing for all the right reasons with an energetic, edgy sound that engages the heart, soul, and spirit of the listener."

-- Dave Briley, Minister of Music, First Baptist Church of Decatur, Decatur, Alabama

"Tara's music is bright and full of life. The joy of her smile matches the energy of her voice. You will be blessed!"

-- Allan Blume, Senior Pastor, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Boone, North Carolina

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Discography: *Tara Jackson* (April 7, 2008) Independent

Radio: “Wonder Working Power” July 2007 Airplay Radio
“God’s Got a Word for You” August 2008 Airplay Radio
“Ask of Me” (N. Ireland only) September 2008 Independent

Noteworthy Facts:

- “Wonder Working Power” went Number One on the **Southern Spin Chart** in January 2008. Also on heavy rotation play list for the **Solid Gospel Network**.
- “Ask of Me” went Number One on the **Shine FM** chart in Northern Ireland in October 2008.
- Featured articles about Tara in *Powersource Magazine*, *Gospel Music News*, *High Country Press*, and the online magazine, *A Time to Love*.
- Featured artist profile on **SGMRadio.com**, **America’s Home Spun Gospel**, and **WVSGRadio.com**.
- Writes monthly article about The Bridge Ministry for SGMRadio.com.
- Featured interview with **Premier’s Big Breakfast Show** with Tony Miles and Lizzie Crow - London, UK
- Featured interview with Catherine Hassall, **UCB Radio** – Stoke-on-Trent, UK

Tours and Performances:

- Performed at the **International House of Music**, Moscow, Russia - June 2006
- Featured artist on Up-and-Coming Artist Showcase for **Singing in the Sun** 2007 & 2008 and **Gatlinburg Gathering** 2008.
- Headliner for **Bible Reading Marathon** concert in Mufreesboro, TN – May 2008
- Headliner for **Gospel by the Bay 2008** in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada with The Galloways, The Pfeifers, Bob & Jeanne Johnson, and Sue Dodge.
- Featured Artist for **SoGospel News Festival** in Smyrna, TN – July 2008.
- England tour in October 2008. Performed at **Central Methodist Hall** in Westminster. Planning return UK and Ireland tour for June 2009.
- Headliner for **Gloryland Gospel Music Cruise** in Key West, FL and Nassau, Bahamas – February 2009
- Special upcoming guest appearance on **Family Life TV** in Kittanning, PA – March 2009
- Featured main stage artist for **Gatlinburg Gathering** - September 2009.