



How does compassion inform your art?

Creating original songs can open our hearts to deeper understandings of ourselves and others. Facilitating songwriting with children undergoing treatment for life threatening illnesses can access fears of mortality and the realities of life and death. Because our very existence is informed by this reality, it requires not only compassion for the children, but also compassion for ourselves as we witness the feelings that emerge. Hope, joy, love, fear, grief, doubt, faith, thankfulness, and everything in between, find their way into the songs, as words, melodies, and harmonies combine to become both the resonant paths, and the welcoming vehicles for life-giving creative expression. As these children write and record their own songs, many are led to reservoirs of strength they didn't know they had.

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Purple Songs Can Fly

Founded in 2006 by pianist and songwriter Anita Kruse, Purple Songs Can Fly is a unique program that provides a creative musical outlet for the many children being treated for cancer and blood disorders at Texas Children's Cancer and Hematology Centers at Texas Children's Hospital. In the first recording studio ever created on a pediatric cancer floor, the children and their siblings work with Anita and other professional singer-songwriters to write and record their original songs.



of both Continental and United Airlines, toured the world with The Rolling Stones, traveled on an undersea NOAA mission, visited over 50 countries, and summited Mount Everest. The children of Purple Songs Can Fly have performed their song, "Celebration of Hope," at Carnegie Hall with the Texas Medical Center Orchestra, created and performed "Hope is Always Here" with Olivia

Newton-John and David Foster in Washington DC, and starred in Purple Songs Can Fly's award-winning documentary feature film, *Journey to Hope*.

Purple Songs not only can fly, but do fly. The children's songs are flown by participating passengers, pilots and astronauts to places on earth and into space. To date, thousands of songs have been written, recorded and flown around the globe and beyond. The songs have flown on two space shuttle missions, been heard on the in-flight playlist

As the dreams, wishes, thoughts, feelings, and imaginations of these children take wing through the creativity of music, it is the vision of Purple Songs Can Fly that soaring, flying, and rising above the obstacles of illness can truly become a reality as each purple song that flies creates a tangible symbol for the hope of healing.

Finalist
Artist of the Year 2022

COMPASSION
Through The ARTS



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Into The Purple Light** - Benefit Concert
An evening of songs with Anita Kruse and Ray Younkin
NOVEMBER 4, 2022, 8:00 PM @OVATIONS IN THE RICE VILLAGE
- **Hope Can Happen** - A new musical by Purple Songs Can Fly
PREMIERE TBD