

# AMERICAN DIVAS

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**SHAYNA STEELE**  
VOCALS

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## Act One

Specter/Barry/Greenwood/Arr. Steele & Cook/Orch. Tyzik      River Deep Mountain High

Masser/Goffin/Arr. Neal & Cook/Orch. Tyzik Saving All My Love For You

Ray Charles/Arr. Cook/Orch. Tyzi Believe To My Soul

Shayna Steele & David Cook/Orch. Tyzik

Miller/Murden/Arr. Cook/Orch. Tyzik For Once In My Life

Shayna Steele & David Cook/Orch. Tyzik

Big Mama Thornton/Arr. Steele & Cook/Orch. Tyzik

## Act Two

Franklin &amp; White/arr. Tyzik Think

Shannon/Arr. Tyzik I Never Loved A Man (The Way I Love You)

Broadnax/Wonder/Paul/Arr. Tyzik

Nicks/Arr. Steele & Cook/Orch. Tyzik Gold Dust Woman

Steele/Cook/Marshall/Orch. Tyzik Bloodline

Little Milton/Arr. Steele & Cook/Orch. Tyzik      That's What Love Will Make You Do

Shayna Steele & David Cook/Orch. Tyzik Wear Me Down

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## Shayna Steele

This dynamic vocalist puts new meaning to diversity and grassroots talent. Her natural ability to traverse musical genres—be it in the studio, stage or screen—has kept her on the “A” list of in-demand singers in the industry. Shayna’s effortless execution of both soul and jazz has grabbed the attention of audiences globally—including such settings as the Monterey Jazz Festival, North Sea Jazz Festival with Snarky Puppy, and countless symphony orchestras throughout North America.

Shayna's creative abilities explode in multiple genres and her original signature sound on her fourth studio album, *Gold Dust*, released in 2023 on Ropeadope Records. Her mature songwriting abilities are dynamically evident in its unique fusion of soul, jazz and blues. Produced by David Cook (Billboard No. 1 Jazz album, *Spectrum* by Shoshana Bean) *Gold Dust* embodies a sound that has taken Shayna 20 years to perfect. The album features a fresh new cover of Cole Porter's "You'd Be So Nice to Come Home To" featuring Grammy nominated saxophonist Donny McCaslin. The album also highlights new original material, including the inspiring anthem "The Bloodline" celebrating her ancestors; and the sultry yet intimate "Behind Closed Doors" with jazz crooner Sachal Vasandani. However, it is her explosive new arrangement of Stevie Nick's "Gold Dust Woman" that will especially leave every listener in awe.

**"At this point in my life, I have more clarity about my identity and sound as an artist than ever before. *Gold Dust* is a reflection of my growth and demonstrates my full potential as a vocalist, a writer, and an arranger."**

**- Shayna Steele**

Emerging from the pandemic's gridlock on the music industry, Shayna's inspiration for *Gold Dust* was fueled by her creative relationship with the extra time with her family. It drove Shayna to plan a new album following her 2019 *Watch Me Fly* (Must Have/Membran) and return to music school after nearly 30 years to finish her music degree. She created many of the album tracks within the classroom at the prestigious Berklee College of Music, where she maintains a 3.95 GPA.

Shayna debuted *American Diva* in 2023 with the Rochester Philharmonic. This new solo symphony show is a collaboration with Grammy-winning conductor and composer Jeff Tyzik, featuring his stellar arrangements of her music and favorite covers. Shayna has performed with over 100 North American symphony orchestras, including the Dallas Symphony and the Detroit Symphony, where she debuted her solo blues program *Nothin' But the Blues* (featured on WMS's 2021-2022 season).

Shayna has appeared with Grammy-winning trumpeter Chris Botti and provided vocals to Moby's tracks "Raining Again," "Disco Lies," and "Extreme Ways." Snarky Puppy's Michael League handpicked Shayna's original track "Gone Under" for inclusion in their hit album *Family Dinner – Volume 1* (Ropeadope Records), a viral sensation with over two million views and countless covers. No stranger to the small and silver screens, Shayna has sung on the soundtracks for *Hairspray*, *The Bourne Identity* and *Sex and the City 2*, as well as making a guest appearance on *The Sopranos*! Recently, Shayna appeared on television in the new Marvel Max Original Series *The Penguin*.

After spending her early years living mainly in Germany as the daughter of an Air Force master sergeant, Shayna spent her teen years in Biloxi, Mississippi, where she honed her musical theater and vocal talent. Her appearance on *Star Search* with Ed McMahon brought her to national acclaim.

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After leaving college, she went on to New York City where she performed in the musicals *RENT*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and the Tony Award winning *Hairspray!* She then moved out on her own, providing background vocals for Bette Midler, Rihanna and Kelly Clarkson, and appearing with trumpeter Chris Botti and countless other "A" list stars. After going solo, writing, and putting her band together, Shayna released her album, *RISE*, in 2015 (Ropeadope Records), reaching No. 2 on the U.S. iTunes jazz charts. Shayna has done the work, with her dynamic voice breathing life into what has become *Gold Dust*.

"My new work reflects my connection with my daughter, social justice, coming up from the ashes, and newfound freedom from isolation. The darkness did not swallow me whole, and I'm grateful to be back."

*Gold Dust* is available to purchase on all major streaming platforms.



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