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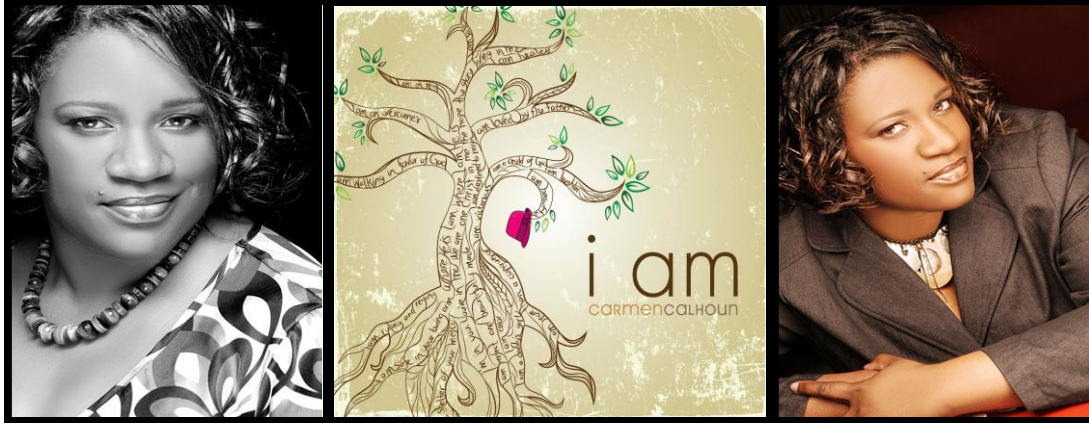
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Carmen Calhoun Releases New Christian CD: A Fusion of Contemporary Christian and Gospel Music

Prince Frederick – Lovers of Contemporary Christian and Gospel music will enjoy listening to Carmen Calhoun's newest CD, *i am*. Released earlier this month (March 1, 2012) the *i am* CD includes a number of original pieces which demonstrate Calhoun's unique vocal range and her extraordinary ability to shift easily from one musical genre to another. From the feel good lyrics of *Pink Hat Day* to the soulful rendition of *Wind of Change*, Carmen's *i am* CD includes a fusion of Contemporary Christian and Gospel music that breaks all racial barriers while exalting God's love.

A native of Prince Frederick, Maryland, Carmen is extremely excited about her latest release (*i am*) from her record label, White Chocolate Records. "I titled the CD, *i am*, because this CD is about me agreeing with who the I AM says *i am*. It is a testament of how the I AM is flowing through me, dwelling inside of me and being personified through my character. It is not so much of an outward expression of how much I adore God and I truly adore Him, but it is more of a revelation of how much God adores us," explained Carmen Calhoun.

A remake of Alicia Keyes, *No One*, Cyndi Lauper's, *True Colors*, and a rock version of an original song (*Dare 2 Be*) released on one of her earlier CDs, demonstrate Carmen's amazing ability to remake songs - so different in sound and audience reach – for the singular purpose of demonstrating the beauty of having a relationship with God.

"Carmen's music speaks what my heart says but my mouth can't articulate at the moment. Carmen's music is me in the moment. I need diverse beats with components that represents a multifaceted me. I get it all on Carmen's CD entitled *i am*," said Natasha Pierre on the singer's fan page at www.carmencalhoun.com.

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Carmen, an award-winning songwriter, has received national acclaim for her writing and singing gifts. Having won first place in the 2004 International Songwriters Competition, Carmen also won the 2005 Unisong Songwriters Competition, as well as the 2006 and 2007 John Lennon Songwriters Competition. The first version of Carmen's song (*Dare 2 Be*), released on the *Broken and Blessed* CD, won first place for the Billboard Songwriters competition and was a Top 5 finalist for the VH1 Song of the Year Songwriter's Competition. *We Are One*, an original song on Carmen's newest CD (*i am*), was selected as a semi-finalist in the Gospel/Christian category in the 2011 International Songwriting Competition (ISC).

Contemporary Christian and Gospel fans can hear Carmen Calhoun's eclectic and cross-cultural music at the following venues in March:

- **March 10, 2012** – (Washington, DC) – Rhema Christian Center located 1825 Michigan Avenue, NE – 4 p.m. Tickets: \$30/Enjoy dinner and concert. Call 202-529-3921 for more information.
- **March 16, 2012** – (Baltimore, MD) – River of Life Christian Center located 5225 Hamilton Avenue – 7 p.m. FREE/Call 410-483-5433 for more information.
- **March 17, 2012** – (College Park, MD) – Samuel Riggs IV Alumni Center at the University of Maryland – 4:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20/Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, beverages and free parking.

To listen to song samples from the *i am*, *Life* or *Broken and Blessed* CDs, visit www.carmencalhoun.com. Carmen's songs are available also in all digital outlets including Amazon.com and iTunes.

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