

Jeanette Berry and the Soul Nerds

With a sound that embodies 'Rhythm & Jazz Soul', it is the blending of the genres, coupled with smooth vocal stylings and passionate lyrics that places Jeanette Berry & the Soul Nerds in a league all their own. Formed in 2008 by Berry and Ian Rafalak, two University of the Arts graduates, the Soul Nerds feature Berry as the lead vocalist along with a collective of musicians.

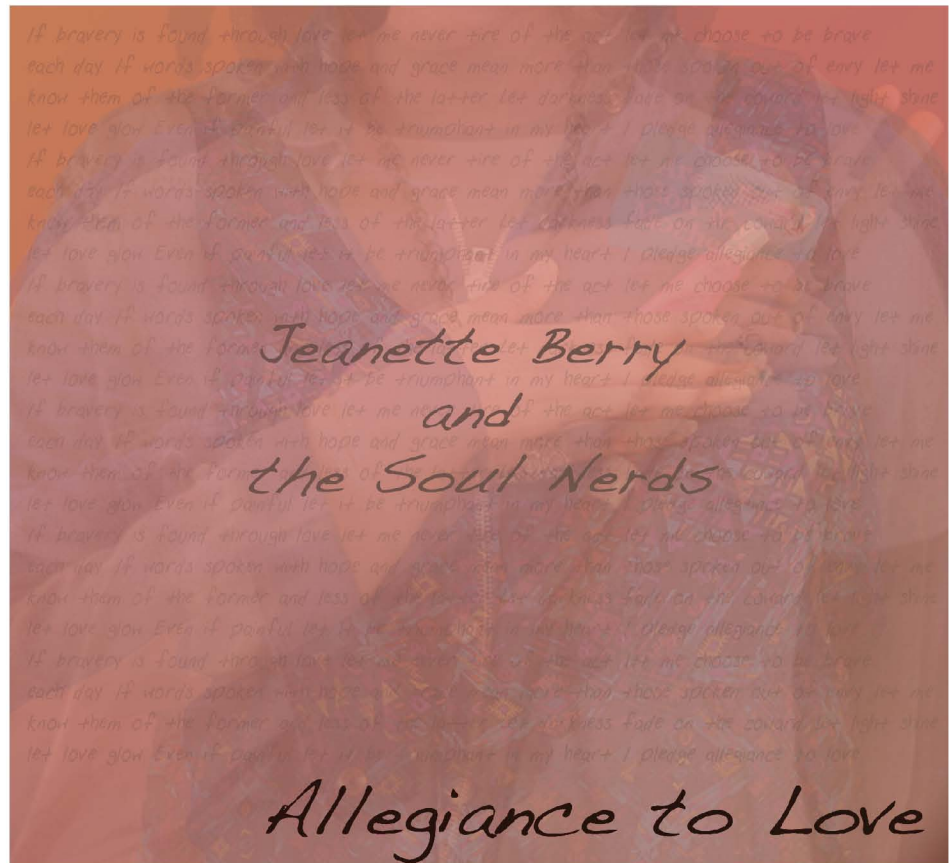
In 2010, the group released their debut EP "Peace, Love and Music," with "Love Stomped," one of the EP's highlight records, featured on VH1's hit series "Single Ladies." Following the EP's release and several key milestone successes, Berry was chosen as a background vocalist for Grammy Award singer-songwriter, Lauryn Hill. She toured with Hill for two years while preparing for the release of Soul Nerds' debut full-length, "Allegiance to Love."

Recorded in 2013, the 10-track album was recorded at Converse Rubber Tracks Studio in New York and Milkboy Studios in Philly. It features all original songs written by Berry, with musical arrangements by the Soul Nerds. The band has toured extensively on the east coast and plans to continue performing in promotion of the new album.

"Allegiance to Love," came about as the title after Berry wrote a poem for a friend who married and, for the first time, moved out of her family home. The lyrics capture the bravery one must possess in order to love someone else and begin a new life; power and beauty forever intertwined.

A professor at Tiffin University, Berry asked her students to take a photo with something they loved, hold it between their hands and heart, and pledge allegiance to the love it signified. From that the cover art was born.

The album can now be purchased on the band's Bandcamp page [click photo on right].





"Folktale meets jazz in a sophisticated, but very COOL way!"
– Tanikka Charrae (Indie Artist & Background Singer for Lauryn Hill)

"I feel like this is one of the most thematic, connected albums I've heard in a while..."
– Suzanne Paulinski (CEO at The Rock/Star Advocate)

This group is a combination of Lauryn Hill, Floetry, and Erykah Badu. This is well worth the purchase.
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