

HEART

Biography-2008

Ann Wilson and her younger sister, Nancy Wilson first showed the world that women can rock when their band Heart stormed the charts in the '70s with hits like "Crazy on You," "Magic Man," "Barracuda," "Straight On," "Even It Up," "Kick It Out" and so many more. They continued topping the charts through the '80s and into the '90s with huge hits like "These Dreams," "Alone," "What About Love," "If Looks Could Kill," "Never," and a string of other hits that showcased the sisters' enormous talents as both musicians and singers. Along the way, Heart sold more than 30 million records, had 21 top 40 hits, sold out arenas worldwide, and had a profound influence on rock music.

In the mid-'90s, Ann and Nancy returned to Seattle and formed The Lovemongers, with long-time collaborator Sue Ennis and performer Frank Cox. After playing a number of sold-out shows in Seattle, Lovemongers cut Led Zeppelin's "Battle of Evermore" for the triple platinum soundtrack from the movie *Singles*, which was one of Nancy Wilson's first musical collaborations with her husband, filmmaker (and *Singles* writer/director) Cameron Crowe. This was followed by their work together on Jerry Maguire, the Grammy and Oscar winning *Almost Famous*, *Vanilla Sky*, and *Elizabethtown*. In late 2006, Nancy lent her songwriting and production talents to "P.S. I Love You," directed by Richard LeGravenais and starring Hillary Swank (to be released in 2007

The sisters reunited as Heart in early 2002, during which time they released a critically acclaimed live concert film on DVD and CD, *Heart Alive In Seattle*, followed in 2004 by *Jupiters Darling*, the first new Heart studio album in a decade, produced by Nancy and featuring 15 original songs. *Classic Rock* magazine hailed *Jupiters Darling* as a career a tour de force, calling it "the only record you need to buy this year." In December 2005, PBS aired a two-hour SoundStage special, showcasing songs from *Jupiters Darling* as well as many classic Heart hits.

In 2006, Heart kicked off the touring year with a VH1 Tribute special (Heart & Friends) featuring performances by Alice in Chains (joined by GNR's Duff McKagan and Pantera's Phil Anselmo), Dave Navarro, Carrie Underwood, Gretchen Wilson, and Rufus Wainwright.

VH1 honored Heart again at VH1 2007 Rock Honors. DirecTV broadcast a 30th anniversary concert special of Dreamboat Annie, debuting May 11 (a DVD and CD were released in October). And on September 11, the first-ever solo project by Ann Wilson (*Hope & Glory*) was released by Rounder Records. Many special guest artists participated in this landmark project, including Elton John, kd lang, Gretchen Wilson, Wynonna Judd, Alison Krauss, Rufus Wainwright, Deana Carter, Shawn Colvin, and Nancy Wilson.

In 2008, Ann and Nancy will join Fergie for a special performance of "Barracuda" on *American Idol Gives Back* (Fox, April 9), after which they hit the road for a 40+ city tour with Journey and Cheap Trick (July 9-September 30).