

*N*ancy Scharff tours nationally and internationally, traveling to churches of all denominations. Her music ministry reaches people of all ages, using inspirational, contemporary Christian, and traditional styles of music.

Nancy is currently leading workshops on contemporary worship services. The goal of these workshops is to develop praise teams and help make the worship experience relevant to the unchurched through current styles of Christian music.

Please contact Nancy to schedule a concert or workshop. She is available for concerts, worship services, workshops, women's groups, conferences, conventions, and church social events. 🎵

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About the Artist



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Biographical Facts

Nancy Scharff is a gifted and accomplished singer, guitarist, pianist, songwriter, and worship leader. Her interest in music began in her church where she wrote and performed original music for worship services. Here are some of Nancy's personal accomplishments:

- Began writing songs and learned to play the guitar at age 9.
- Wrote and performed original songs for worship services starting at age 13.
- Toured eight European countries with the Monmouth Conservatory Youth Chorus, performing her original song in churches and cathedrals at age 15.



- Graduated Montclair State College, Upper Montclair, NJ, with Bachelor of Arts in Music, majoring in classical guitar.
- Granted a scholarship to study opera and perform classical guitar in Rome, Italy.
- Attended Christian Artist Conference, CBN/700 Club, in VA. Experienced spiritual turning point to dedicate her life to God and use her musical gifts for His glory.
- Was a finalist winner of the Spotlight and Song Competition sponsored by the Philadelphia Academy of Arts and affiliated with the Gospel Music Association and Dove Awards, Nashville, TN.

Career Facts and Appearances

Nancy travels nationally and internationally, giving concerts and workshops on contemporary worship and praise & worship. Listed are Nancy's professional accomplishments:

- Appointed and currently serving as head musician and singer by Bishop E. Roy Riley for the NJ ELCA Lutheran Synod Conference, Wildwoods Convention Center, Wildwood, NJ.
- Led worship services and shared her music ministry in Johannesburg, South Africa, at Lutheran churches and Family Harvest Church, a 10,000 member non-denominational church, televising their worship services worldwide.
- Gave concerts and led worship services at Christ Lutheran Church, Kihei Lutheran Church and Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church in Hawaii.
- Gave concerts and led worship services at the Church of St. Anne's and St. Agnes, London, and the United Church, Winchester, England.
- Performed at the Jerusalem 3000 Gospel Music Celebration in Israel. Spectacular performance sights included the Second Century Citadel of David, the 8000 Seat Outdoor Sultan's Pool Amphitheater, and the Amphitheater at Caesarea.
- Performed at the Rome Opera and Music Festival, Italy.
- Appeared at the following New York City venues:
 - ~ Carnegie Recital Hall ~ Off-Broadway
 - ~ Lincoln Center ~ Cami Hall
 - ~ Merkin Concert Hall ~ Amato Opera Theatre
 - ~ St. John the Divine ~ St. Peter's Lutheran Church
 - ~ St. Paul's Chapel for their renowned Noon Day Concert Series
- Performed onstage with renowned Christian artists Twila Paris and Larnelle Harris, in selections from the Young New Messiah, conducted by Ralph Carmichael, Estes Park, CO.

- Sang onstage with Sandi Patty, Wayne Watson, Kathy Troccoli, Wintley Phipps, Steve Green, and Phil Driscoll.
- Gave concert at the renowned Great Auditorium, Ocean Grove, NJ, and performed at the Summer Winds Crusade along with noted Christian artists, Crystal Lewis and the Kry.
- Produced, performed, and directed a special benefit concert at the prominent Count Basie Theater, Red Bank, NJ. Joined by singers from many community churches, Nancy helped raise funds for LOVE, INC., a Christian organization aiding the homeless.
- Has performed and been interviewed on Christian and college TV and radio programs.

Nancy's original music has been recognized by her contemporaries and her audiences as a source of spiritual inspiration and meaning. For instance:

- Her song, *Step Into the Light*, won recognition from top Christian record labels, such as Word and Sparrow.
- Nancy's song, *God's Way*, was included on radio promoter Rob Woolsey's CD compilation sent to Christian radio stations nationwide.
- Crossflame, a touring choir from St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Hickory, North Carolina, used her song, *Song for Somalia*, for their tour of southern states which raised funds for World Hunger.
- Her CD releases, *Open Heart* and *Covenant Love* have touched the lives of congregations and audiences nationwide and abroad.