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CORNERSTONE TV'S *THE LIVING ROOM CONCERT SERIES* TO FEATURE BROADWAY ACTOR/SINGER CARLA BIANCO SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19 & MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Marking the End of the Pandemic Hiatus, the Show Features Bianco's Long-Time Guitarist, Gary Kalinosky, and Her Own Vocal Students from Point Park University



Broadway powerhouse actor/singer, ASCAP Award-winner, and Billboard chart-topping songwriter, Carla Bianco, will appear on Cornerstone Television Network's unique musical performance show, *The Living Room Concert Series*, on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. EST and Monday, February 28, 2022, at 10:00 p.m. EST. Pictured: Carla Bianco. (Cornerstone Television Network photo)

NASHVILLE, Tenn - (February 18, 2022) - Broadway powerhouse actor/singer, ASCAP Award-winner, and *Billboard* chart-topping songwriter, Carla Bianco, recently visited the studios at Cornerstone Television Network, where she taped an intimate concert for the network's unique musical performance show, *The Living Room Concert Series*.

On this episode, which marks the relaunch of the show following the pandemic hiatus, Bianco performs songs from her latest project, *You Love Me As I Am*, which released on October 29, 2021. This episode of *The Living Room Concert Series* is slated for broadcast on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. ET, and will be rebroadcast on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 10:00 p.m. ET (airdate subject to change; see local listings). To view the episode live online, visit ctvn.org/watch-live.

"It is so wonderful to be the first artist performing a concert at Cornerstone Television for the relaunch of their *Living Room Concert Series*," says Bianco. "And to be the first Pittsburgh Christian Contemporary artist they have ever had on the show is just amazing!"

In the concert captured in this episode, Bianco intersperses stories about her faith and career while performing all of the songs from her debut contemporary Christian EP, *You Love Me As I Am*, along with "Seasons of Love" from her acclaimed role of Maureen in *RENT* on Broadway, and "Luca's Song," which she wrote about her son and appeared on her first album, *All This Time*.

"It's so humbling to be able to share stories and songs about my faith journey with God and music for the first time in a televised concert," says Bianco. "During the performance, I share parts of my testimony, as well as my struggles and successes as a singer/songwriter and an actress trying to break into the music business, starting on Broadway, and moving into singing Christian music. These stories are so personal and something I just felt compelled to share. I pray it reaches hearts and reminds us of the call that God has for each of our lives, and that He is with us every step of the way."

Bianco's appearance on the series comes on the heels of an appearance on the award-winning television show, *Babbie's House*, and also includes her long-time guitarist, Gary Kalinosky, and several of her vocal students from Point Park University, who join her on "Seasons of Love," as well as "Hero Rising" from her new EP. From the content of the songs to the production, Bianco's appearance on the show is an ode to her creativity and professionalism.

"Carla was a joy to work with," says the show's producer, Dave Tucker. "Lots of talent, organized, and with lyrics that just swept the audience to another place with her story telling. Just a first-class performance."

A lifelong Christian, Bianco, who is best known for her starring turns as Maureen in the Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning musical *RENT* on Broadway and the West Coast, was discovered by legendary music producer and manager John "Jellybean" Benitez (Madonna, Barbra Streisand, Paul McCartney, Whitney Houston, Michael Jackson, and Sting), who signed her to a management and publishing deal while she was still in college, all of which she discusses with gratitude and passion.

"From the moment Carla sat down at the piano to sing me one of her songs, I knew she was a gifted and talented artist," says Benitez, who has expressed his excitement about Bianco's new music and direction.

The powerhouse pop vocalist soon inked a distribution deal with Sony/RED and released two albums as a recording artist on Ivory Note Records. She went on to become an ASCAP Award-winning, No. 1 *Billboard* chart-topping songwriter. Her work has received international press coverage, including features in publications such as *The New York Times*, *The New York Post*, and *The Huffington Post*, as well as television performances including *Good Morning America*. She has shared the stage with the likes of Platinum-selling Grammy winner Kenny Loggins, and she has appeared in commercials and notable films including *Unstoppable* with Denzel Washington, and *Promised Land* with Matt Damon.

Bianco's new direction on her stunning new EP marks a stylistic shift for the acclaimed singer/songwriter and performer, who experienced a spiritual reawakening following the death of her parents, when life-long feelings of self-doubt and insecurity threatened to take over her mind and heart.

Five years ago, while still wrestling with her losses, Bianco participated in a spiritual retreat, where she says she was overwhelmed by the grace of the Savior she has called her "Best Friend" from childhood. She began to experience the unequivocal, unconditional love of God in a brand-new way. She also felt God calling her in a new direction artistically, leading her to pen songs of worship, praise, and self-reflection.

"Something just broke loose," she explains. "During that retreat, I was immersed in scripture and felt His love and reassurance comfort me and distill a new sense of identity and purpose unlike any I've ever felt. In listening to His call, God worked the impossible in my life and drew me closer to Him all the while, so ultimately I could receive His love like never before."

The Living Room Concert Series is also available on Cornerstone TV's Apple and Android APPS. Viewers with a Roku enabled TV can watch the archived show on demand for free by adding the Cornerstone Network at roku.com.

To stream or download Carla Bianco's EP, *You Love Me As I Am*, click [here](#). For more information about Carla Bianco and *You Love Me As I Am*, visit carlabianco.com, or follow on Facebook ([m.facebook.com/CarlaBiancoMusic](https://www.facebook.com/CarlaBiancoMusic)), Instagram ([instagram.com/carlabiancomusic](https://www.instagram.com/carlabiancomusic)), or Twitter ([@CarlaBMusic](https://twitter.com/CarlaBMusic)).

About Carla Bianco's EP, *You Love Me As I Am*:

Carla Bianco's formidable writing talents are on display throughout the 7-song *You Love Me As I Am* EP, which draws on the production skills of Sam Hart (Aaron Shust, Tasha Layton). Hart steps into the co-writer's chair for a few songs as well.

The EP kicks off with the shimmering power-pop declaration of faith, "Love is the Answer," that extols love as the answer to every question, and the direction for every path of life.

The song segues effortlessly into the title cut and debut radio single, "You Love Me As I Am." Penned by Bianco and produced by Sam Hart (Aaron Shust, Tasha Layton) with an infectious groove that will hook listeners from the first note, the song, which highlights Bianco's crystal-clear vocals, is a nuanced anthem of revelation, humility, and devotion to Jesus.

"All For Your Glory" is a joy-infused pop tune that begs for audience singalong, and could easily find its way into contemporary worship services on Sunday morning.

Bianco pulls back for an introspective, prayerful mood for "Guardian" which exudes an intimate, worshipful attitude as Bianco sings, "I raise my eyes to the sky. You hear me when I cry, my Guardian!"

"Vessel of Your Love" uses a minor key to ratchet up the intensity, which ebbs and flows like the waves of a troubled sea. Bianco returns to the power-pop genre for the thumping, head-nodding, song of encouragement, "Hero Rising." The project closes with the peace-evoking, piano-driven confessional, "You Are My Hope."

"I feel blessed to have the opportunity to share this wonderful assurance I have discovered as if for the first time," says Bianco. "I can't think of anything I'd rather sing about than God's unconditional, unshakable love for me."

About Carla Bianco:

Carla Bianco's career was launched after meeting legendary music producer and manager John "Jellybean" Benitez, best known for discovering Madonna and producing the likes of Barbra Streisand, Paul McCartney, Whitney Houston, Michael Jackson, and Sting. Impressed with the young unknown singer/songwriter, Benitez immediately signed Carla to a management and publishing deal.

Since then, Bianco has earned multiple recording and composition deals, appeared on Broadway, off-Broadway, and West Coast stages (most notably in the role of Maureen in the Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning musical, *RENT*), and garnered industry recognition, chart placements, and awards, including an ASCAP award and a No. 1 *Billboard* pop hit.

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Bianco is married to Jack Becker, a writer and television producer for AT&T Sportsnet, who produces the *Inside Pirates Baseball* show. They have one son, Luca. Bianco lives in Pennsylvania, where she writes, teaches, and inspires young artists.

About Cornerstone Television Network:

Cornerstone Television Network is a viewer-supported ministry that reaches 5.8 million homes in the U.S. and throughout the Western Hemisphere. Airing 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Cornerstone Television Network programs are broadcast to more than 100 affiliate stations nationwide through SkyAngel and Glorystar, as well as online at ctvn.org.

Veteran contemporary Christian music artists share their most loved songs and stories in an intimate 'living room' setting on Cornerstone's Living Room Concert Series. Each program in the special series is different, and features special guests such as Phil Keaggy, John Schlitt, Randy Stonehill, Bryan Duncan, Annie Moses Band, Fernando Ortega, Larnelle Harris, Ginny Owens and others.

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Carla Bianco performs with her vocal students from Point Park University on Cornerstone Television Network's unique musical performance show, *The Living Room Concert Series*. Pictured (L to R): (Row 1) Carla Bianco; (Row 2) Liana Monaco, Emily Botnen, Angela George; (Row 3) Taylor Olsen, Cameron Bartlett, Jacob Miller. (Cornerstone Television Network photo)



Broadway powerhouse actor/singer, ASCAP Award-winner, and Billboard chart-topping songwriter, Carla Bianco, celebrated the physical release of her debut CCM EP, *You Love Me As I Am*, on October 29, 2021. (Buzzy Photography photo. Cover design by Gary Kalinosky.)



Powerhouse vocalist Carla Bianco released her highly anticipated debut CCM EP, *You Love Me As I Am*, Fall 2021 through Ivory Note Records/BFD/Sony Orchard (digital release: Friday, October 8, 2021; physical EP release: October 29, 2021). (Buzzy Photography photo.)