

A BIG "WOW" FOR WOMEN OF THE WORLD

**"The time has come,
There's work to be done.
Come on, you women of the world!"**

Jeanette Arsenault's new CD, *Women of the World*, is a call to action, a celebration, a tribute and an affirmation of the power of women's voices in the world.

"I've always worked with themes," Arsenault says. "This CD started with the title song, written for International Women's Day in March. It has now blossomed into an album calling for women everywhere to speak out against the problems that affect us all - poverty, AIDS, violence, persecution - and to speak for the women who, because of those problems, can't speak for themselves. This CD is about empowering women."

Songs like *Angel in Disguise* address these problems head-on, but the CD also includes cuts that simply celebrate the strength and power of women, and their achievements. With tracks like *Josephine*, *Acadian Queen*, a tribute to her grandmother, and *My Daughter, My Friend*, Arsenault brings this celebration to a personal level.

"All of the songs are written by women, and are about women," Arsenault says, "but it's an album that men can relate to as well. The issues that afflict the world are men's issues too. All I'm saying is that it's time for women to take the lead in trying to heal this world."

Although the CD contains many original songs, Arsenault has tapped into a wealth of Canadian songwriting to enrich the album, from Lee Hayes' haunting *Women of the Past* to Cathy Miller's *Superwoman* and the exquisite *Testimony. I Can Touch the Sky*, sung by Jeanette's daughter, Katie Shannon, is an encouragement to young girls to try for the impossible; and *Les Héroïnes* is a tribute from Arsenault's aunt, legendary Acadian songstress Angèle Arsenault.

Whatever the theme, Jeanette's work has received a wide recognition. She has sung for HRH Queen Elizabeth II and Canadian Olympic athletes in Salt Lake City and Athens. Canadian Feed the Children has adopted *Everyday Heroes* as its theme song and she has been featured in *Canadian Living Magazine* in an article entitled "What Happy People Know". She has also lent her talents to numerous local organizations and causes, and is a popular performer at concerts and shows across Ontario.

In a gesture of support for BPW's aims and as a gift to incoming President Fran Donaldson, Jeanette Arsenault launched *Women of the World* at the BPW Convention banquet on July 15 and will donate a portion of CD sales to BPW Canada.

As the song says,
**"Come and walk by my side,
Sing out with pride!
Come on, you women of the world!"**