



BETH HART’S NEW ALBUM, BETTER THAN HOME, IS BETH-ER THAN EVER

Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter, Beth Hart, has never sounded better (musically and spiritually) than she does on her new album, *Better Than Home*. When she sings clocks stop, hearts dance and neck-hair tingles...it’s that compelling! A *Planetmosh* critic said, “I was just blown away by Beth’s voice!” and *American Songwriter* proclaimed, “Beth’s tough, throaty voice...she uses that powerful instrument to best effect on dramatic, arena filling ballads.”

Beth’s incredible voice is what moved guitar legends Jeff Beck, Slash, Joe Bonamassa and Buddy Guy to perform with her on records and in concert. She reached national attention with the hit single, *L.A. Song (Out Of This Town)*, the single reached #6 in the Billboard Modern AC chart and #7 in the Adult Top 40 chart; subsequent album, *Bang Bang Boom Boom*, made it to #3 in the Billboard Top Blues Album chart and shortly thereafter, Beth was nominated for a Blues Music Award.

Album collaborations with Joe Bonamassa, *Seesaw* and *Don’t Explain*, made it to the top (#1 and #3) of the Billboard Blues Albums Chart, to #8 and #22 on the Billboard Top Independent Albums Chart and into the Billboard 200. International audiences fell in love with her and rewarded her with two #1 singles in Denmark from albums *Leave The Light On* and *37 Days* (recorded live).

Her greatest validation as one of the defining voices of our time, came when her tribute (alongside Jeff Beck) to Buddy Guy on *The Kennedy Center Honors* special, received one of the only 2 standing ovations of the evening, led by President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle.

The producer of *The Kennedy Center Honors*, Michael Stevens, and the musical director, Rob Mathes, saw what people have been seeing for nearly 20 years: a woman who wears her soul on her sleeve and has the pipes to back it up. Michael and Rob decided to produce her new album, *Better Than Home*.

What makes *Better Than Home* quite possibly her greatest album is that it is her most introspective work ever, because it goes to the depth of her soul, revealing terrible pain in her past, family issues and personal demons as well as her coming to grips with them and using that knowledge to find the real beauty in her life.

No words do a better job of summing up what this new album is all about, than the lyrics to the title song, *Better Than Home*:

*I can feel my body breathing, I can feel my heart movin' fast
I am not afraid or lonely; I am not chasing the ghost of the past*

Now Beth's putting her past behind her, embracing the great things she's done and the good things she has and looking forward, or, as she says it best, "I've been blessed by God and surrounded by love. It's better than what I dreamt of as a kid."

The track, *Mechanical Heart*, is a powerful love song to her husband, Scott Guetzkow. "It was my way of saying", Beth admits, "yeah, I don't have a healthy or normal heart, but I'm going to figure out a way to bring you everything you need and want in life."

Beth calls *Trouble*, "A brass balls song...about a female who says, 'Hey, I didn't come here to make trouble, but the bottom line, it's a whole lot of fun.' It's a bad girl song."

In the very powerful, *We're Still Living In The City*, Beth chronicles two peoples' lives by their marriage together. "They're going through life...this rollercoaster. But the one thing that's always constant between them is...no matter what, I'm still crazy about him!"

St. Teresa is an anthem with a unique point-of-view, narrated by a man in prison. Beth tells us the film, *Dead Man Walking*, inspired this song. "There's this man, who knows everyone hates him, and there's this woman, who's very close to God, and she will love him and be devoted to him no matter what."

As Long As I Have A Song is a stirring ballad that Beth reveals, "represents my love and hate about being a songwriter. What I love about it, it's connecting, but, out of the blue, it can all go away. You're searching to get reconnected, and out of writer's block."

Beth isn't afraid of admitting her own shortcomings. Mid-tempo *Might As Well Smile* is a soulful reminder of that. "You're taking yourself too seriously, just smile, relax and just get through the tough time."


Tell Her You Belong To Me is one of the most personal songs on the album for Beth. "This is about my relationship with my father. When I was a kid, my dad and I were as tight as can be. Then he married this woman who would not allow me to have anything to do with him. It's the story of 'You tell that lady you're my dad.'"

One of the darker songs on the album is *Tell 'Em To Hold On*, but Beth shows a lighter side on *The Mood That I'm In*. "It's a fun song. It's about love, it's about going out at night. You've got someone that you're crazy about but they're not available to you, so you go searching for it in other people."

In the highly emotional, limited edition bonus track, *Mama This One's For You*, she's not afraid to tell her mother how much she loves her. "It's probably the most important song to me on the record. I finally got how blessed I was to have my mom."

This album isn't about the problems Beth's faced in her life. Instead, she's choosing to find the good things that have been there all along: accepting and loving her parents for who they really are, appreciating a good husband, facing her fears head on and ultimately finding ways to heal and convert that positive energy into music that moves people.

This is an incredibly moving, self written and composed, album that's going to reach people on a very personal level, because a one-of-a-kind artist found the perfect formula for exposing her very private inner voice and empowering it with her legendary outer voice. Because of that, it simply doesn't get better than Beth Hart's, self written and composed, *Better Than Home*.

Better Than Home	Track List	Extra information
 <p>Release Date: 13-Apr-2014 Catalogue nr: PRD 7451</p>	<p>01 Might As Well Smile 02 Tell 'Em To Hold On 03 Tell Her You Belong To Me 04 Trouble 05 Better Than Home 06 St. Teresa 07 We're Still Living In The City 08 The Mood That I'm In 09 Mechanical Heart 10 As Long As I Have A Song 11 Mama This One's For You (bonus)*</p> <p><i>*Bonus track: available on limited edition only.</i></p>	<p>http://mascotlabelgroup.com/www.bethhart.com/</p> <p>Twitter: @BethHart Facebook.com/officialbethhart Youtube.com/BethHartMusic Instagram.com/officialbethhart Pinterest.com/bethhartmusic</p>