

# LOVELAND DUREN BLOODY CUPID

## THE STORY



**W**hat's in a name? If it's one as evocative as *Bloody Cupid* -- quite a bit.

The songs that lie behind that name, *Bloody Cupid*, come from the combined genius of Vicki Loveland and Van Duren, releasing their first duo record as Loveland Duren. These 12 songs represent their first studio collaboration – a free-wheeling, grown-up record, with deadly accurate insights into the roller coaster ride that love can be for a bruised (and perhaps bloody?) heart.

*Bloody Cupid* (Edgewood Recordings) was recorded by engineer Pete Matthews at his East Memphis studio PM Music beginning in January of 2013 and concluding in early April. Vicki shines on vocals and percussion instruments while Van sings and plays guitars as well as an occasional bass part. Joining Loveland Duren in the studio were some of the best musicians on the planet: Steve Potts, Harry Peel and Ian Duren on drums; Sam Shoup and Russell Nelson on bass; Jessie Munson on violin; Jonathan Kierkscey on cello; Jack Holder and Jim Duckworth on guitars; Jim Spake on saxophones; Marc Franklin on trumpet; Eric Lewis on dobro and mandolin; Kim Trammel on congas; and Richard Ford on pedal steel guitar. The result is stylistically wide-ranging and magically delicious.

## THE SONGS

1. Crash Landing
2. Lines in the Sand
3. Now Will Do
4. Birthmarks
5. Forgive You Forgive Me
6. There Goes the Floor
7. Even if I Didn't Love You
8. I Don't Want to Need This
9. Losing My Mean Streak
10. Private Sky
11. Sins of the Father
12. Kiss Me Slowly



## THE BUZZ

“This is one of the year’s best albums, hands down. From jazzy and soulful to acoustic and introspective, this album is a sheer delight on every level. Quality production, razor sharp musicianship, top-notch songwriting and incredible vocals from both Mr. Duren and Ms. Loveland makes this an absolute must have.”  
-PopDose

Vicki Loveland has been a singer her entire life, and has built a reputation as one of the most sought-after vocalists around. Paired with her abilities as a writer and producer, Vicki is a powerhouse of talent with a wicked sense of humor and a commanding presence as a performer. There is simply no one else quite like her.

Van Duren has a survivor’s story to tell through his 5 decades of recording. A prodigious vocalist and champion of song crafting, Van has released 10 albums, always following his own muse, and the result has been a long career of writing and collaborating on great songs.

*Bloody Cupid* brings these two artists together in a way that will surprise anyone who is familiar with their individual works in the past — and just about anyone else, for that matter. Vicki Loveland and Van Duren have brought the joy and the pain of the journey to life in these songs and recordings.

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