

## Dee-Dee Darby-Duffin

In Dee-Dee's Artist Statement, she provides us what may be a good reminder to us all at this time, "Action cures fear," and I want to believe her now. She is certainly an artist of action! Dee-Dee recently completed a performance during a regional performing arts consortium that drew tremendous interest in her work and she needs the Fellowship support to fulfill the opportunities that her talent has made possible. In spite of so many challenges ahead for individual performing artists right now, Dee-Dee's career seems uniquely positioned to "take flight" when people can assemble again for the positive and powerful voice she brings to her performances. She has the opportunity to contract with over a dozen presenters broadly distributed in the western US. This fellowship may be able to assist her readiness to leap when the stage is set and audiences can gather again or it may be just enough to allow her to find new and temporary outlets for her work while we wait to hear and see her live again.



From letter of support, "Her presence on stage is warm and inviting and combined with her charm and wit her audience is drawn into a truly personal experience. As if all this weren't enough, she is also phenomenally talented. She not only has an amazing voice, but has an intuitive grasp of music and rhythm that audiences respond to enthusiastically."