

ValLimar Jansen has sung sacred music since she was five years old. She trained as a Fine Arts major at Howard University in Washington D.C., and completed her BA at California State University, San Bernardino. Val completed her Master's Degree at the University of California, Santa Barbara. She is near completion of her Ph.D., in Dramatic Arts, from the same institution.

ValLimar has sung and toured professionally throughout the United States, Switzerland, France, Germany, Belgium and Japan. She played the role of Beneatha, with the Broadway touring cast, in the European Premier of Raisin . ValLimar went on to co-author a one-woman musical about the life of Ethel Waters that received a special commendation from the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

She has been the cantor for several Jazz Liturgies at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. ValLimar has been a cantor for several closing Liturgies at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress as well. She has toured regionally, and has served as a cantor, principal vocalist, lector, workshop presenter, or presider at The San Jose Jazz Festival, The Sacramento Jazz Festival, The NPM, The National Encuentro Conference, The National Jubilee Justice Conference, The Los Angeles Liturgy Conference, The East Coast Conference, and many other major events. In addition, she has sung with Joe Camacho, Derek Campbell, Richard Cherie, Jaime Cortez, Gary Daigle, Bobby Fisher, David Haas, Marty Haugen, Bob Hurd, Tom Kendzia, Kenneth Louis, Jesse Manibusan, Donna Peña, Danielle Rose, Lori True, Christopher Walker, Steve Warner, Pamela Warrick-Smith, and many others.

You will hear ValLimar on a number of new CD releases in the Spring of 2003. She is a guest artist on Marty Haugen's new release, *Turn My Heart* (GIA); and (a debut group) Cross Culture's new CD of global praise music, *Songs of Faith From Near and Far* (GIA). ValLimar and her husband Frank also have a CD, recorded with Robert's Revival, entitled, *Catholic Classics: African American Sacred Songs* (GIA).