

According to family lore, **Sheri Kling** started whistling before she could talk. Singing followed closely behind. And from the moment she finished her very first guitar lesson at age nine, she was hooked for life. Or, as she puts it in her song, "I Heard Colors" – "I was clumsy and I was young, but I sang from my toes. I'd go home tired but happy, serenading the sidewalks." Today, Sheri is an **accomplished singer/songwriter, guitarist and storyteller** who weaves together powerful music and vivid stories to create uplifting programs that inspire people to find the stories at the center of their own lives. That love of story also propels her outreach work with high school students to help them find their own creative voices.

"...a natural Southern gal storyteller in the Lucinda Williams/Flannery O'Connor vein."
~ Bradenton (FL) Herald

"Sheri Kling combines robust vocals with simple, earnest lyricism, switching from introspective acoustic ballads to more freewheelin' honky-tonk throw-downs." ~ Creative Loafing, Atlanta

In the fall of 2002, Sheri produced and released her first solo CD *Let It Unfold* on her own HeartSprings label to high, critical praise. **Indie-Music.com** said, "It's impossible to feel anything but good while listening to Sheri Kling's new release 'Let It Unfold.'" **FolkWax.com** found it "transcendently well done." And **Bradenton (FL) Herald** wrote, "Kling's voice – a clear, strong instrument of beauty – brims with the kind of lived-in experience that immediately makes one lean forward and feel a connection... I've never been so wowed by an unsigned artist as I have by Sheri Kling and her *Let it Unfold* release." In 2005, Sheri released two new CDs: the all-original *Heartland* and *Passions & Prodigals*, a guitar- and voice- only collection of hymns, traditionals, covers and originals. About *Heartland*, **Southeast Performer** wrote "here we find Sheri Kling at her best, performing songs of joy, hope, pain, loss, and celebration... This is a vast mix of songs of the South, a vibrant tapestry of musical material that touches on all the bases of relationships, new loves, and old loves never to be forgotten."

Mix one woman, one guitar, vivid stories and music that ranges from "introspective acoustic ballads to more freewheelin' honky-tonk throwdowns" and you get captivating entertainment. With her rich voice and distinctive guitar style, Sheri has been heard at such acclaimed venues as Nashville's **Bluebird Cafe**, Atlanta's **Eddie's Attic** and **Variety Playhouse**, Wisconsin's **Cafe Carpe**, Indiana's **Front Porch Music** and the **Manatee Riverfront Theatre** in Bradenton, FL. She's appeared on television with gospel singer Babbie Mason (host of "Babbie's House") and on "RadioLive" from WUWF. Sheri has shared the stage with such accomplished artists as Indigo Girls, Carrie Newcomer, Pierce Pettis, David LaMotte, Shawn Mullins, Caroline Aiken, Vigilantes of Love, Don Conoscenti and Kim and Reggie Harris. Now based in the mountains of northeast Georgia, she performed in the premier production of "Headwaters: Stories from a Goodly Portion of Beautiful Northeast Georgia" in Sautee-Nacoochee and is a community columnist for *The Northeast Georgian* newspaper. In addition, Sheri has led a songwriting workshop at the Sandhills Literary Conference at Augusta State University and offers "Myth, Metaphor & Music: Heroic Adventures in Creative Writing" to both high schools and colleges. She is also on the Georgia Touring Artist Roster and her recorded commentaries have been heard on Georgia Public Broadcasting.

Sheri is also developing new audiences through her "keynote concert" speaking engagements. From participants ("I thoroughly enjoyed your Saturday Keynote Speaker's presentation – what a force!") to planners ("As we are searching for this year's keynote speaker, I can't help but wish we could have Sheri come back again"), programs with **Sheri Kling** get rave reviews. With such ventures, Sheri has taken a leap in her musical career that reaches far beyond the sidewalks of her youth and opens a path to people everywhere who seek journeys of the heart.

Note: Photos can be downloaded at <http://www.sherikling.com/press.htm>