

Rebecca Aadland

SINGER-SONGWRITER

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Rebecca Aadland is a soulful singer/songwriter and lifelong observer of the human condition. Having also worked as a teacher, psychotherapist, and public speaker, she is drawn to courageous stories of finding true love and pursuing joyful work. For more than 35 years, the Minneapolis-based artist has performed at music clubs, colleges and conferences, sharing her folk/pop originals with humor and honesty.

Born into a musical family in Absarokee, Montana, Rebecca was the seventh of 10 children. Her father was a minister and pipe organ builder, her mother played the church organ, and all the children sang. She became intrigued by themes of psychology, family and religion from a young age and how these forces shape our life story.

Rebecca earned her bachelor's degree in music, specializing in voice and music education. She taught choral music in public schools for 14 years, and before that, she donned big hair in an all-girl cover band in the 80s. Rebecca took a break from pursuing music professionally to raise three children and complete a master's degree in psychology, eventually working as a psychotherapist. Yet, Rebecca often weaved musical performances into her teaching and public speaking engagements.

In 2007, she released her debut album, **Foreign Soul**, and was selected as the **Mid-**

west Regional Finalist in the prestigious **NewSong Contest** in 2009. A year later, she met her soulmate and future husband, **Brian Tillotson**, who became her biggest champion and closest collaborator. He was heavily involved in making her new album and co-wrote one of the songs. Tragically, Brian died of sudden cardiac arrest the day they submitted the album's final masters and artwork.

Rebecca released **Stronger Broken** on June 13, 2022, as a tribute to her late husband. Recorded and engineered by **Dik Shopteau** (Tina Turner, Todd Rundgren) and mastered by **Greg Reier** (Prince, Jonny Lang, Jenny Lewis, The Suburbs), the album features an all-star band: drummer **Greg Schutte** (Ryan Bingham, Stephen Stills, Chastity Brown), guitarist **Kurt Jorgensen** (The Jorgensens), guitarist **Lantz Dale** (Jeremy Poland Band, IV Play), guitarist **Boyd Lee** (Tex Pistols, 2 Girls & a Boy), keyboards/guitarist/composer **Paul Winchester**, cellist **Jacqueline Ultan** (Saltee, The Jayhawks, Ondara, Dan Wilson, Shabby Road Orchestra), and vocalist **Elizabeth Ghandour** (Elour). Rebecca's son, **Luke Schoper**, contributed to the arrangements and plays keyboards on the album.

In addition to her work as a musician and therapist, Rebecca is a potter, painter, gardener, mother, and grandmother.



- 1 Carnival* (3:19)
- 2 I'll Walk With You* (3:29)
- 3 By the River* (3:51)
- 4 Move Outside* (3:47)
- 5 We'll Get Through* (3:55)
- 6 Broken Pieces* (4:20)
- 7 Twist in the Plot* (4:00)
- 8 Darlin' It's Bedtime* (3:21)
- 9 Stuck in Yesterday* (4:14)
- 10 Maizy (3:28)
- 11 Happy Couple (3:08)
- 12 Minnesota Morning* (3:25)
- 13 Too Many Songs (4:27)
- 14 I'll Walk With You (reprise) (4:12)

* Preferred songs.
All songs FCC clean