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When three already established songwriters from Maine decided to join forces in the new millennium, they met with common goals **under the song tree**. While seeking balance between solo and trio careers, *Anni Clark, Dan Merrill*, and *Lynn Deeves* found the response to their collaborations so overwhelmingly positive, that they recorded **under the song tree LIVE** within the first year of their union. Recorded in Portland ME, and released in June of **2001**, the CD clearly demonstrates their talents as seasoned musicians and songwriters, and their strength as a trio of performers who are passionate about music. Concerts feature acoustic guitars, flute, harmonica, a variety of percussive instruments, and stellar three part harmonies. In **2001**, **under the song tree** was voted into the top of the list of favorites in the "New Artist Showcase" at the **Falcon Ridge Folk Festival** in **NY**. In **2002**, NH's **Jam Music Magazine** readers voted them **"Folk Artist of the Year"**! They are currently co-writing songs for a new CD, target date "SOON"!

Anni Clark has been touring steadily with the release of her sixth solo recording, Anni Clark LIVE. Jam Music Magazine (NH) voted her the 2003 "Female Artist of the Year" AND "Folk Artist of the Year". A two-time finalist in the well-known New Folk Songwriters' Competition at the Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas, Anni was also a "Female Vocalist of the Year" Nominee in the 2006 Texas Music Awards. Renowned performances have included the Kerrville Wine and Music Festival, the Boston Folk Festival, and the Falcon Ridge Folk Festival (Hillsdale NY). In Y2K, Anni wrote and performed all the music for Virginia Plummer's independently released short film Checking Out, which was featured in the NY International Film Festival. She has shared stages from Maine to Texas with the likes of Shawn Colvin, Richie Havens, Patty Larkin, Leo Kottke, and Cheryl Wheeler. (Check her website at www.anniclark.com).

Dan Merrill grew up in southern Maine and has been writing songs and performing since high school. In 1987, he was voted **Male Vocalist of the Year** in the Maine Music Awards. He scored a gold record for a duet with Canadian performer Joan Kennedy, and was a **New Folk winner** at the **Kerrville Folk Festival** in Texas in **1995**. Although his early years in the music industry found him in high energy cover bands, in 1992 Dan began to focus on his own material. To date, he has released a solo CD, *Revolution*, and collaborated on a release with the Philadelphia based band "**Simon Apple**". He has shared stages with Patty Griffin, Warren Zevon, and Chris Smither. (Check his website at **www.danmerrill.com**).

Lynn Deeves, like Dan, put in years on the New England Club circuit with Top 40 bands before the muse called. She answered with a debut CD, *Connecting the Dots*, soon followed by *Soul Food*. Her third CD, *LIVE at Slates* is a testament to her fine voice and performance style, equal parts powerful and peaceful. Among many others, she has performed with Janis Ian, Catie Curtis, Greg Greenway, Cheryl Wheeler, and Ellis Paul. (Check her website at **www.lynndeeves.com**).