



## DONNA BURKE

### BIOGRAPHY

Donna Burke is one of the most iconic vocalists in the world of video game and anime, whose multifaceted performances as an actor, lyricist and singer have resonated with fans worldwide.

From her unforgettable characters in **Silent Hill 2** and **Silent Hill 3** to her haunting ballads in **Final Fantasy** and her commanding vocals in **Metal Gear Solid**, she is celebrated for her emotional depth and range.

Donna's contribution to anime music began with the 2001 theme song "After All," composed by Yoko Kanno for the movie **Turn A Gundam**. She has voiced the character Raising Heart from the **Magical Lyrical Nanoha** franchise since 2004 and sung for anime including, **Vandread**, **Haibane-Renmei**, and **Strange Dawn**. Donna's song "Glassy Sky" from **Tokyo Ghoul** has been covered by tens of thousands on YouTube, showcasing the widespread impact and popularity of her voice.

Donna's collaboration with Hideo Kojima on the **Metal Gear Solid** series began with her singing the theme song "When Heaven Divides" for the 2011 game **Peace Walker**. In 2014, Donna voiced the iDroid system guidance for **Ground Zeroes**, chosen by Kojima because her vocal tone could soothe players during intense situations. He was already familiar with her narration on the Shinkansen between Tokyo and Osaka, a role she has held since 2003. In 2013, the haunting strains of "Sins of the Father" were heard at E3 and game shows worldwide, and finally released in **The Phantom Pain** in 2015. Donna now tours as the lead vocalist with **Metal Gear in Concert**, delivering powerful live performances of beloved tracks from the series.

Donna has written lyrics for many games, including **The Last Remnant**, **Elebits**, **OutRun 2**, **God Eater**, **Beatmania**, **Dance Dance Revolution**, **Final Fantasy Crystal Chronicles**, **Tales of Legendia**, **Biohazard 6**, and **Resident Evil**. She arranged vocals and adapted lyrics for five songs on Konami's **Metal Gear Solid Vocal Tracks** album and wrote the lyrics for Nobuo Uematsu's theme song "Choosing Hope" for **Final Fantasy XV: Comrades** in 2018.

In addition to her singer-songwriter career, Donna Burke is well-known for her voice acting and mo-cap roles as Angela Orosco in the original **Silent Hill 2** and Claudia Wolf in **Silent Hill 3**. These immensely popular horror games have further solidified her status as a multifaceted artist capable of conveying intense emotion.

Having lived in Japan since 1996, Donna has worked with legends in the Japanese game and anime industry, including Yoko Kanno, Hideo Kojima, Nobuo Uematsu, Nobuko Toda, Akihiro Honda, Kevin Penkin, Ludvig Forssell and Yoko Shimamura.