

jackie allen

my favorite color



JACKIE ALLEN - vocals
TITO CARILLO - trumpet
STEVE EISEN - saxophone/flute
JOHN MOULDER - guitars
BEN LEWIS - keyboards
HANS STURM - double bass
DANE RICHESON - drums/percussion

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Title: My Favorite Color
Release Date: May 13, 2014

Track List:

1. Sleepin' Bee (5:42)
2. Mercy, Mercy, Mercy (3:55)
3. My Man's Gone Now (6:45)
4. Blame It On My Youth (7:33)
5. Manic Depression (7:06)
6. Stuck In the Middle With You (4:08)
7. A House Is Not A Home (4:17)
8. Diana (4:34)
9. Born To Be Blue (6:03)
10. Call Me Winter (7:37)

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Genre: Vocal Jazz

Similar to: Diana Krall, Kurt Elling,
Diane Reeves, Joni Mitchell

Jackie Allen releases her 10th CD **My Favorite Color** on May 13, 2014. Long known for the enticing smoky quality of her voice and the natural sincerity of her interpretations, **My Favorite Color** is Jackie's long anticipated follow-up studio release to her 2006 Blue Note recording **Tangled**.

*Her gift is utterly distinctive and even innovative ... a masterpiece.
It's revelatory and sounds effortless. (Billboard)*

My Favorite Color features two originals and eight standards, reaching from the thirties into the seventies. Harold Arlen and Truman Capote's **Sleepin' Bee** swings on tiptoe, replete with its verse and a perfectly melodic Ben Lewis piano solo. An organ and horn infused romp propels Joe Zawinul's **Mercy, Mercy, Mercy** into a hip soul frenzy. Gershwin's **My Man's Gone Now** is reimagined as a dramatic modal voyage, featuring an eloquent bowed bass solo by Hans Sturm and a stirring John Moulder electric guitar solo. Oscar Levant and Mark Heyman's heartwrenching **Blame It On My Youth** opens with a gorgeous acoustic guitar introduction that folds gently into Jackie's profoundly authentic and wistful reading. The disc closes with Jackie's **Call Me Winter**. The beautiful abstract lyrics were composed with lines shared by the late Illinois Poet Laureate, GE Murray. "If you don't know where you are, you've arrived."

*Allen's voice is both crystalline and soulful; waxing romantic and poetic ...
this is four-hundred-dollar-a-bottle jazz -- no cheap imitation. (Rolling Stone)*

In the late 80s, Jackie lived in Milwaukee where she worked with organist Melvin Rhyne (Wes Montgomery Trio) for four years before moving to Chicago. There her career blossomed and she released CDs for independent and major labels including Lake Shore Jazz, Naxos Jazz, A440, Red Mark, and Blue Note Records. Jackie recorded three critically acclaimed CDs for A440 and Blue Note: **The Men In My Life** (2003), **Love Is Blue** (2004) and **Tangled** (2006). Her last release, **Starry Night** (2009), was recorded live with chamber orchestra and features star-themed songs penned by arrangers who have written for such legends and noted artists as Duke Ellington, Frank Sinatra, Doc Severinsen, and Bobby McFerrin.

- CD available on Amazon, iTunes, and CDBaby
- Jackie is on tour summer 2014 into the fall 2015 with P/R support
- National Press/Radio Mailings
- Available for on-air interviews and CD give-away promotions

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