

Mp3 Bett Butler - Short Stories



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Songwriter Bett Butler owes her phrasing to jazz singer Billie Holiday and her attitude to blues woman Bessie Smith, but her piano style is uniquely her own. 11 MP3 Songs BLUES: Texas Style, JAZZ: Jazz Vocals Details: Texas songwriter Bett Butler owes her phrasing to jazz singer Billie Holiday and her attitude to blues woman Bessie Smith, but her piano style is uniquely her own. "Bett's lyrics are optimism in the face of adversity, strength in the face of tragedy: sometimes humorous, sometimes touching, always elegant, never superfluous." --Hannah Castellaw, WomanSpace "A songwriter with many levels...great sense of timing and humor...smart, simple words layered upon solid rhythm...a considered work..." --Jonathan Marcus, The Current "Bett Butler, a sensitive songcrafter and beautiful performer....has now released a CD of original blues and jazz-flavored tunes which is aptly called Short Stories, a collection of poignant snippets from life which may well be one of the finest individual recording efforts ever completed here....Her lyrics range from lost loves to contemplated suicide to angels to mama's pinto beans....She's foxy and feisty, with a crisp and sometimes seductive voice which is distinguished by some unusual phrasing...her keyboard work is effortless and silk-smooth..." --Sam Kindrick, Action Magazine "Short Stories is soul food....The main ingredient is Butler's songwriting: solid structures, catchy hooks, and depth of meaning. Throw in the organic production..the spicy horn arrangements...and generous dollops of the best musicians in the area, and the result is a delicious and nutritious banquet of sound....The album is a wonderful mix of contemplation, sadness, humor, and irreverence. In short, it is a thick, hearty slice of life....Dig in with gusto." --Hannah Castellaw, WomanSpace

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