

Mp3 Leigh Harris - House Of Secrets



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Very intimate, artfully breathing life into a program of different selections including songs by Doc Pomus, Brian Wilson, Jagger-Richards, Ray Davies, and herself. 11 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Jazz Vocals, ROCK: Roots Rock Details: On House of Secrets, New Orleans native Leigh Harris brilliantly explores her hometown's love of melodic song and dramatic presentation, turning what might otherwise be a folk-oriented set of emotion-laden originals and cleverly chosen covers into a light-down-low, saloon singer's delight. A prime example is her take on "Backstreet Girl" from the Rolling Stones' songbook, opening with only vocal and piano as the arrangement adds layers selectively, first from a pair of accordions, then a vocal chorus, finally building to a peak of full-bodied intensity briefly, before letting it all wash away. The effect is haunting, reminiscent of a French cabaret singer....Casting herself in the surprising, and wholly satisfying, role of a Delta version of Edith Piaf, Harris offers us one of the year's most inventive tributes to the power of song and a new appreciation for the richness of New Orleans' musical legacy. -Roger Hahn, Offbeat Magazine

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