

Mp3 Lise Lacroix & Friends - Jazz: Smooth Jazz



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An incredible powerhouse in such a tiny body, Lise brings new life to wonderful old standards and more... 12 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Smooth Jazz, EASY LISTENING: Lounge Details: Pointe Claire resident Lise Lacroix has more on her mind these days than her job at Air Canada. The West Island chanteuse has just released her first CD, *Lise Lacroix and Friends*, a collection of standards with a soft jazzy feel that she says is easy listening and warm. To mark the occasion, she had a launch party Sept. 28 at Bourbon Street West in Pointe Claire. "It was a great night," she said. "There were lots of people, lots of friends, the media, it turned out very well." Lacroix began singing with the Becket Players in 1985, enjoyed herself, but knew she had an ambition to sing the songs she truly enjoyed. So after 10 years, she went solo. "When you use the word jazz, you risk turning people off. I've done songs like *Fly Me to the Moon*, *My Funny Valentine* and I do what I think is a very unique version of *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*." While Lacroix has fashioned a Christmas CD already, that one was mostly for herself. This one, she beamed, is the first one for public consumption. "Officially, we did make that Christmas one, but I've been waiting for the day when I could create my own CD for a long time. Finally, the baby is born. I'm very happy with it." Aside from a personal nature, there is a commercial angle to producing and selling a CD. Lacroix obviously hopes to make a buck or two, but she has other plans for the money as well. As an employee of Air Canada, she has an affinity for the airline's *Dreams Take Flight*, in which disabled kids are flown to Disney World for a couple of days to help put a smile on their face for a change. "A portion of the proceeds will go to *Dreams Take Flights*. There is another flight coming up Nov. 2, and I want to help with that." Charitable in nature, Lacroix also appears every now and again at the West Island Palliative Care Residence to sing to the patients there. "It brightens their days and I love to do it," she said. Visit [liselacroixtrio](#) for more info.

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