

Mp3 Maggie Galloway - Azure



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U.S., the Caribbean, Asia, and South Africa. Both her supporting musicians have played beside her for years. Jazz and classical guitarist Anthony Weller works frequently with trumpeter Herb Pomeroy, and has recorded with violinist Stéphane Grappelli. Bassist Bob Nieske is Jazz Artist in Residence at Brandeis University and an accomplished composer; for twelve years he toured the world with Jimmy Giuffre's quartet. "The classic songs of American jazz have been covered so many times that it takes an exceptional singer to make them come alive. Maggie Galloway is such a songstress." - The Boston Globe

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