

Mp3 Claudia Burson - My Foolish Heart



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Great jazz from Claudia Burson and her trio. Burson is a brilliant pianist and master of improvisation, a stylist who can breathe new life into a standard, magically infusing her soulfulness and personality into the music. 8 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Traditional Jazz Combo, JAZZ: Bebop Details: From the first note on this recording it's apparent that Claudia Burson has heard and absorbed the music of the great jazz piano tradition. Her art, however, lies in the fact that although the tradition permeates her music, (shades of Erroll Garner, Bill Evans and McCoy Tyner) Claudia has a unique and instantly recognizable voice. She is a stylist who can breathe new life into a standard, magically infusing her soulfulness and personality into the music. Claudia's talent was nurtured from her youth. She grew up in Fayetteville, Ark. - the heartland of America - where the corners of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas meet. Her interest in music was sparked early on, and she began playing piano at age eight. Classical lessons followed, along with encouragement from her uncle, Kermit Burson, who was a professional guitarist. Claudia's musical training continued through her school years, and upon entering college she studied classical piano with Beatriz Pilapil at the University of Arkansas. In 1976, Claudia enrolled at Berklee School of Music in Boston, followed by a fruitful period of performance in Houston, Texas, where she met and played with people like Don Wilkerson and Arnett Cobb to name a couple. Since returning to Fayetteville in 1998, Claudia has gained a regional following through her many performances. This CD marks her long-awaited debut recording as a leader. The recording has the advantage of showcasing Claudia with her working rhythm section, Steve Wilkes on drums and Mike Johnson on bass. The extraordinary empathy among these musicians was earned through a regular Sunday brunch gig at the local bistro, Copeland's Famous New Orleans Restaurant, and through countless club dates, festivals, and a featured performance in the Walton Arts Center's Jazz Series. Add to this mix musical cohort and multi-reed player Larry Cangelosi,

and you have the quality ingredients for this project. Enough said. Let your ears do the rest! - Robert Ginsburg...NPR Radio host of "Shades of Jazz" on 91.3 FM, KUAF (on the web at kuaf.com)

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