



CD Review

K.J. Denhert

"Girl Like Me"

Mother Cyclone Records

I wasn't sure I wanted to review this CD project when I saw the words "Urban Folk Artist" associated with the CD. Then I saw the word "Jazz" as well! And then, Oh Yes.....With all the fire, guts, and gusto of a consummate vocal/instrumental artist, K.J. Denhert's vocal & guitar talents came at me like a runaway train. What makes this disc a unique effort is how Denhert marries the urban folk idiom to our beloved jazz idiom succinctly & successfully. Ergo, my review of her, has taught & edified me anew about how pliable jazz can be. She sings definitely from the 'earth,' but what she sings to us, she says with authority! I would suggest it to be more true that she plies her talents out of sheer uncomplicated "joie de vivre." Finally, K.J. Denhert is one of those audacious talents with an ability to give us a performance with a 'rush,' while we sit trying to catch our breath, & reckon with her sentimentality, solid vocal humor, and meaningful aplomb.

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