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## **Linda Carone - Black Moonlight (2017)**



01. Guilty 02. Big Bad Handsome Man 03. The Spring Don't Mean a Thing to Me 04. Sweet Lotus Blossom 05. Black Moonlight 06. Oh I'm Evil 07. Why Is a Good Man so Hard to Find 08. Blue Drag 09. Under the Spell of the Blues 10. Livin My Life My Way Linda Carone - vocals George Koller - bass Mark Kieswetter - piano Davide DiRenzo - drums Ted Quinlan - guitar John Johnson - bass clarinet, tenor sax Ron Westray - trombone

Plenty of jazz vocalists have great voices. Many of them explore the treausres of the Great American Songbook. Linda Carone gets full marks for both and makes it all infinitely more interesting by interpreting far from exploited gems from the jazz/blues oeuvre, going right back to the 1920s. Who knew there were so many relatively under-heard tunes? In the hands of a wonderful singer and a first class team of players, these old songs perform the seemingly contradictory feat of blasting new life into an established genre. ---Mark Rheaume, CBC Radio

Linda Carone's taste in music is born of great jazz vocalists, (Bing Crosby, Julia Lee, Una Mae Carlisle) and her voice is refreshingly grown up & womanly. It's the voice of a singer who has stories to tell, great diction, affection for the melody, and the lovely inflections that one might expect from a 78rpm, but recorded here in a modern crisp recording of some delicious yet lamentably over looked songs in jazz history. I'm very excited about this recording, and this great singer! --- Alex Pangman, cdbaby.com

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