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DVD/CD Review

Songs in the key of Sea



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The talented Kimberly Ford has released her second album entitled *Songs in the Key of Sea*, which combines jazz with her passion for the ocean. The album features Kimberly's remarkably special vocals along with three talented L.A based musicians, Mark Waggoner-guitar, Ryan McGillicuddy-bass, and Jason Harnell on drums. Kimberly studied in Seattle with Jazz great Jay Clayton, and has recorded for television, film and radio, as well as composing music for local and environmental agencies such as The Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, and The National Marine Sanctuary. Since moving to the west coast, Kimberly has continued teaching vocal technique as well as being an active performer with concerts set up across the U.S.

The beauty of this album is you don't need to be a Jazz buff/ aficionado to enjoy it. It is musically intelligent with out being overly complicated; it appeals to the beach walker ocean lover in me. The romantic Brazilian-



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esque song *Oceano*, transports the listener to a romantic beachy dream place, which is lovely especially if you happen to be listening to it while working at your desk under florescent lights—or maybe that's just me. Another stand out is *Sea Journey*, written by Chick Corea and Neville Potter. There are many gems in the album and song samples are available online at www.kimberlyford.com. As a bonus, with the purchase of the CD a percentage of sales will benefit the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation and the National Marine Sanctuary. Last but not least, included is a DVD by Emmy award winning underwater filmmaker Mike deGruy, featuring lush underwater footage with vocals by Kimberly.