



Kimberly Ford Concert Features Songs In The Key of Sea

by Bob Agnew

Santa Barbara - Jazz singer, composer, lyricist, teacher and community activist, Kimberly Ford baptized the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum as a jazz concert hall for the first time in its history on May 17, and all for a good cause. She premiered songs from her new CD, **Songs In the Key of Sea**, from which a percentage of its sales proceeds will benefit the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation. It was a well-packed house" with supporters of Ford and the cause enjoying not only the food, beverages and the show, but the Maritime Museum itself, a proud city institution.

Ford' musicians for the occasion were: Jamie Rosenn, guitar, Leonard Thompson, keyboards, Ryan McGillicuddy, bass and Jason Harnell, drums. Also, in presenting the composer Djavan's song, "Oceano," Brazilian jazz singer and guitarist, Teka, and guitarist Chris Judge joined Ford as she sang the lyrics in Portuguese.

Kimberly Ford's motivation for the CD was her passion for the ocean and the protection of it and its resources. She found ready collaboration with the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, as well as the Maritime Museum, to share the efforts in her project. As a consequence, the CD's twelve tracks all relate to the ocean, and

selections from these made up her program for the evening. She opened with "How Deep Is the Ocean," sang "Water Mark," a composition by her and guitarist Mark Waggoner; went back to 1927 for the Arlen-Koehler still popular "Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea;" then did "Sea," a song she wrote with drummer Jason Harnell. She continued with Gershwin-Weill's My Ship," stayed on the water with another Waggoner-Ford effort, "Sea Change," and then did the aforementioned "Oceano" by Djavan with Teka and Judge. She closed the show with Jobim's "Wave" done as a jazz waltz.

Because of her fascination with underwater photography, the CD includes a supplemental bonus of superb underwater scenes produced by Mike DeGruy with photographer Jim Knowlton. Coupled with its theme music, "Water Mark," it is an esthetic presentation.

The musicians on the CD itself are Mark Waggoner, guitar, (Teka Penteriche and Chris Judge, guitars on "Oceano"), Ryan McGillicuddy, bass, and Jason Harnell, drums.

Score a big one for singer Kimberly Ford. This CD-DVD set is more than worth your time.

