

Reviews and Endorsements

Her quality voice, smooth and easy approach, and topnotch accompaniment make this CD a pleasurable listen.

Lynn Darroch, *The Oregonian*

Something Good, Mitzi Zilka, vocals. Zilka, the founder of the popular Portland Jazz Singers Concert Series, has released her second solo CD after nearly four years separated from her debut. The veteran vocalist has teamed up with some of Portland's best musicians for a refined take on classic tunes and some not-so-classic gems. Zilka possesses a sweet and clear voice, with laid-back phrasing and a strong melodic sense. She also has a great sense of lyrics, penning original lyrics to classic tunes, like her smart dual-language take on the standard "Blue Bossa."

Kyle O'Brien, *Jazz Society of Oregon*

Says two-time Grammy winner, Peter Boe, "She not only has a great jazz voice, but also, the words she writes to original music and existing standards are among the best I've seen."

"The crowd loved her and the dance floor was hopping."

Colby Westhead,
Event Coordinator for the Museum After Hours

"What I like about the Portland Jazz Singers coalition is there combined knowledge and understanding of the music they present. At anyone of their concerts you might hear the cool Brazilian vocals of Nancy Curtin followed by the seasoned scatting of a jazz legend such as Nancy King. Be prepared to be turned onto vocalists you might not have heard much about like Mitzi Zilka, then be prepared to scratch your head and wonder, "why haven't I heard about this person, they're great." This concept of joining together for the good of the whole isn't a new one, but for vocalists to work together within this principle is. I congratulate them for what they've done and think you'll enjoy the outcome of their hard work and perseverance."

Mary Burlingame
Producer/Host-Home Grown Live
KMHD, 89.1 FM

"When she takes the stage and picks up the mic, her excitement is notable."
Ron Mitchell, General Manager – Aura Restaurant & Lounge

"This Friday evening LV's Uptown welcomes jazz vocalist Mitzi Zilka. Founder of the esteemed Portland Jazz Singers Concert Series, this Portland native, who spent time studying and performing in L.A. and Australia is quickly becoming a force on the Portland Scene, known both for her stellar voice with a three octave range, and her original lyrics to jazz classics."

Darrell Grant

Founder of the Leroy Vinegar Jazz Institute, Founder of LV's Uptown Jazz Club,
Celebrated Jazz pianist and Portland State University Jazz Studies Professor.

..."Mitzi Zilka's jazz style is both warm and appealing; for events where people are there to listen and appreciate, or bold and swinging for those events where dancing is the priority. She's the "Real Deal!"

Sandy Dennison - Jazz Singer

"A great jazz voice, layered in sultry warmth and peppered with sparkling highlights."

Peter J. Boe - Grammy Award-Winning Pianist/Composer

Mitzi works with top players, writes a smooth lyric and delivers a song with precise, understated clarity.

Lynn Darroch, The Oregonian

With a welcome no-gimmick freshness, Portland's Mitzi Zilka interprets a handful of songs in the company of some of Portland's Finest jazz musicians. ****

George Fendel, Jazz Society of Oregon

The way that Mitzi sings **Something Good** reminds me of how much talent and control is involved in being a jazz vocalist. It doesn't really compare with any other genre in its intensity and vigor and Mitzi's delivery of **Something Good** makes comparisons very difficult to draw upon. Furthermore, anyone who can pull this off with seeming effortlessness deserves a widely unanimous commendation.

Elley Wilson – RCAT Music, Canada