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Anna Laura Quinn - I Feel The Sudden Urge To Sing! (2018)



1.It's De-Lovely 04:14 2.Willow Weep for Me 05:24 3.Youkali 05:52 4.A Sleepin' Bee 03:27 5.Something to Live For 05:03 6.Once Upon a Dream 03:42 Anna Laura Quinn - Vocals Scott Foster - Guitar Joe Kyle Jr. - Bass Justin Ouellet - Violin Rob Reich - Accordion

Vocalist and New Orleans resident Anna Laura Quinn brings together the stellar Bay Area ensemble that was featured on her debut EP, I Feel the Sudden Urge to Sing!, to perform her heartfelt arrangements of classic jazz, cabaret, French, and Brazilian tunes. For this highly anticipated engagement at Piedmont Piano, the band— Rob Reich on accordion and piano, Scott Foster on guitar, Joe Kyle Jr. on bass, and Justin Ouellet on violin—will be joined by Anna's special guest, the award-winning New York violinist, Tessa Lark.

Raised in San Francisco and based in New Orleans since 2010, vocalist Anna Laura Quinn is rapidly gaining notice in both cities for her particular blend of contemporary jazz, well-loved tunes from the American Songbook, French and Brazilian music, and more, all delivered with style, emotional power and sensitivity, and a joie de vivre that recalls the charm and mystique of a bygone era. A self-proclaimed "jazz acolyte," Anna uses her voice to convey her deep regard for the legacy of jazz music to audiences of all ages, backgrounds, and musical proclivities.

Anna is currently in her final year of the Jazz Studies masters program at the University of New Orleans and in 2019 she made her debut appearance at the 50th annual New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival with the UNO Jazz All-Stars. Outside the university, Anna's New Orleans gig calendar is rapidly expanding. She regularly engages with a mix of seasoned and emerging musicians alike, and has appeared onstage at such venerable jazz venues as Snug Harbor, Preservation Hall, and Dos Jefes Uptown Cigar Bar, where she has a monthly gig.

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In December 2018 Anna released her debut EP, I Feel a Sudden Urge to Sing!, which was recorded in San Francisco and features guitarist Scott Foster, bassist Joe Kyle Jr., violinist Justin Ouellet, and accordionist Rob Reich. Music critic Holly Devon, in her review of the recording in Antigravity Magazine, describes Anna's voice as "a well-worked instrument that brings new vitality to classic tunes from the likes of Cole Porter and Duke Ellington," with "arrangements that are part jazz, part bossa nova, with a dash of violin menouche mixed in for good measure."

Anna is also a proud member of the Living Jazz community, and has been attending Jazz Camp West since 2016. ---piedmontpiano.com

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