

**ANN HAMPTON CALLAWAY
RINGS IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON
WITH *THIS CHRISTMAS***

Yuletide collection features duets with Kenny Rankin and Liz Callaway

Ann Hampton Callaway, the acclaimed singer-songwriter who has made her mark in jazz, cabaret, pop music and beyond, celebrates the spirit of the holiday season with the September 23, 2008, Telarc re-release of *This Christmas*.

Produced by Joel Moss, with Jay Landers and Lisa Schiff serving as executive producers, *This Christmas* is a swinging yet tender musical holiday gift from a multi-talented performer that not only captures the essence of the Christmas season, but also showcases Callaway's lyric interpretations. Sometimes spirited and lighthearted, sometimes warmly evocative, this holiday package is sure to fill your home and your heart with glad tidings for family and friends at this festive time of year.

Highlights include an exciting jazz take on "Jingle Bells"; a beautiful medley of "Silent Night / A Child Is Born"; a haunting bebop reinterpretation of "Carol Of The Bells"; and "Baby, It's Cold Outside," sung in a light, sexy duet with jazz singer Kenny Rankin. Also featured are the seasonal classics "The Christmas Song" and "I'll Be Home For Christmas." *This Christmas* also features a couple wonderful Callaway originals, including "Manhattan In December" and "God Bless My Family," the latter performed by Ann and her sister, Tony Award nominated Broadway star Liz Callaway.

Ann Hampton Callaway is one of the most versatile talents working in jazz and pop music today. She recently starred in the hit Broadway musical *Swing!*, receiving a Tony Award nomination for Best Featured Actress and winning the 2000 Theatre World Award for Outstanding Broadway Debut. As a songwriter, she is the recipient of ASCAP's Johnny Mercer Songwriting Award. She received national attention for her song "A Nanny Named Fran," which she wrote and performed for the CBS-TV hit series, *The Nanny*. Barbra Streisand has recorded one of Callaway's songs on each of her last four albums.

Callaway has performed all over the world, recently headlining with the BBC Big Band at a special sold-out concert at the Edinburgh Jazz Festival's Jubilee celebration for the Queen. She appeared on the PBS special, *Live From Lincoln Center*, and also a televised concert special with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops at Symphony Hall. She has performed at Tanglewood and Carnegie Hall, and has sung with Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, and with Skitch Henderson and the New York Pops. After a series of critically successful albums on various independent labels, she made her debut on Telarc International with the 2006 release of *Blues in the Night*, a dynamic and stirring collection of American Songbook classics, mixed with potent and witty original songs.

Ann Hampton Callaway's *This Christmas* (CD-83691) is due at retail on September 23, 2008.

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