



DIANA PANTON

solstice / equinox

2017 and 2015 JUNO Winner!

If the expression "the art of interpretation" has ever applied, then it does here. Expressiveness, paired with a voice that is nuanced with top-notch jazz inflections, gives us a vocalist that ranks among the greatest young chanteuses of our time.

-VOLKER DOBERSTEIN, TONART MAGAZINE, GERMANY

solstice/equinox is an exquisitely crafted jewel of an album whose multiple facets enchant the listener. As Diana's pristine voice lures us to follow her through the changing seasons, she takes us on a journey through time and space echoing both the ephemeral and enduring qualities of the cycles of love and life. Once again, Diana's repertoire selection is masterful, including gems such as *The Heather on the Hill*, *Estate* and *Tis Autumn*. Don Thompson's superior arrangements provide luxurious wrapping for Diana's jeweled tones which engineer Chad Irschick has beautifully captured with all their audiophile nuances.

Equally impressive is the diamond-quality soloing throughout this album. Saxophonist extraordinaire Phil Dwyer (Order of Canada) is featured on soprano sax in spring and later returns on tenor in autumn. Guido Basso's (Order of Canada) liquid flugel and playful trumpet are featured in summer and winter. Don Thompson (Order of Canada) provides lyrical accompaniment on piano, vibes and bass throughout, along with the exemplary guitar work of Reg Schwager (four-time National Jazz Award Winner).

With eight critically acclaimed releases in about as many years, Panton's impressive catalogue has garnered numerous honours including JUNO wins in 2017 and 2015 and two Silver Disc Awards in Japan. Her last album topped the jazz charts on Amazon and iTunes in Canada and the US. It went to #1 on Amazon's "Movers and Shakers" chart and debuted at #8 on Billboard. It was also a Top 10 Jazz Bestseller at HMV Japan and #1 Jazz Album of the Year on Books.com in Taiwan. The album received a four star review in DownBeat Magazine and was one of their Best Albums of 2016. One gets the feeling this is just the tip of the iceberg for Diana.



1. THEY SAY IT'S SPRING
2. THE HEATHER ON THE HILL
3. UP JUMPED SPRING
4. THAT SUNDAY, THAT SUMMER
5. ESTATE (SUMMER)
6. MANHATTAN
7. LA FIN DES VACANCES
8. SEPTEMBER IN THE RAIN
9. TIS AUTUMN
10. SEPTEMBRE
11. CLOUDY MORNING
12. I LIKE SNOW
13. BY THE FIRESIDE

CD PERSONNEL

Diana Panton - vocals
 Guido Basso - cornet, flugel, trumpet
 Phil Dwyer - saxophones
 Reg Schwager - guitar
 Don Thompson - bass, piano, vibraphone

UPCOMING PUBLIC DATES

Sept 28, 29	Vancouver, BC	Kay Meek Centre for the Arts
Oct 1	Saskatoon, SK	The Bassment
Oct 10, 11	Tokyo, Japan	The Cotton Club
Oct 13	Guangzhou, China	The Guangzhou Opera House
Jun 8, 9	Toronto, ON	Jazz Bistro
Nov 19	Durango, Mexico	Durango Jazz Festival
Mar 3	Ottawa, ON	National Arts Centre
May 5	Hamilton, ON	McMaster's LIVELab
May 25	London, ON	Wolf Performance Hall

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