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**JAZZ SINGER-TRUMPETER ANNA CALLAHAN HITS THE GROUND
RUNNING WITH RELEASE OF DEBUT CD**

JazzArts is celebrating the release of Anna Callahan's debut CD, *My Ideal*. In addition to six jazz standards, the new CD includes five songs by Callahan that are already being favorably compared to the great jazz standards of the 30s and 40s. All arrangements are also by Callahan. She is unusual as a female singer-trumpeter, but she's almost unique as a female jazz arranger/composer. Callahan is the author of a book on arranging published by Hal Leonard and has given arranging clinics at national workshops.

"Singer-trumpeter Anna Callahan strikes gold with her debut CD," says LA Jazz Scene reviewer Roger Crane, "which includes songs by such noted composers as Rodgers & Hart, Irving Berlin, and Jobim as well as five superb originals. If you love the great songs sung with warmth and panache, you will love Anna Callahan. Her uncomplicated phrasing and sunny timbre give the lyrics a clear-headed beauty and her soft-focus trumpet playing is right out of the Chet Baker school. Her music, whether played or sung, is straight from the heart – without any detours."

Anna Callahan has been performing at various Los Angeles jazz venues since the fall of 2000, including the Jazz Bakery, Spazio, Lunaria, The Vic, and in the Four Points' Jazz Masters series. She toured Brazil singing with the Ray Conniff Orchestra and Choir in 2001 before beginning the recording of *My Ideal*. A CD release tour is planned for the United States and Europe.

"Anna's got it all!" says Barry Zweig, one of LA's most respected jazz guitarists for the last four decades. "She sings with surprisingly good intonation, crisp rhythmic phrases, and a clearly musical conception. Her original songs sound like standards that you've somehow never heard before, but want to hear again and again. And she plays some nice trumpet too! Check her out!"

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My Ideal can be heard on dozens of jazz stations around the US and abroad, and is available for purchase through CDBaby.com. Visit www.steamerscafe.com for information on the August 30 release party, call 818-994-3058 for information on the September 4 release party, and see www.myideal.net for details on the CD and upcoming performances.

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