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“Joy Ride”

Lou Ann Gurney
(Perryscope Records)

Lou Ann Gurney, a Puna, Big Island-based singer, corrals a dozen jazz standards as well as anyone. Her voice is well suited for her chosen repertoire; check “I’ve Got the World on a String” and “You Belong to Me” for evidence.

“In the Still of the Night,” at 6:17 the longest track, typifies Gurney’s ease and comfort — an assured and lovely reading of a beloved favorite, capturing the nuances of nocturnal warmth and wonderment.

Producer Gregg Perry, who also provides marvelous keyboard support, clearly knows Gurney’s aptitude. There’s class and classic joy in what she provides here, with more bounce per ounce than many other endeavors. And joy — notice the laughter at the conclusion of “I’ve Got the World on a String.”

Our take: Find joy with Gurney — this is one smooth, cool ride.
Genre: Jazz.

For more information about Lou Ann Gurney click www.louanngurney.com or www.pecktunes.com