

Jazz Lynx - Showcase CD Global Cooling - Joyce Cooling:

While growing up in the Jersey - New York area, Joyce Cooling was exposed to a wide variety of music styles and developed tastes that could be described as both diverse & eclectic. After moving to San Francisco, she began dabbling with keys and percussion and then took up guitar after hearing the music of Wes Montgomery. Self-taught for the most part, Cooling developed a unique finger picking style, which led to a variety of gigs including straight-ahead sessions with jazz giants such as Getz, Henderson, Airtio, and Byrd!!

Then, in the mid-80s, Joyce met keyboardist Jay Wagner and they discovered their songwriting compatibility. For nearly a decade, they were known as the one of the most dynamic acts in The Bay area before Cooling's '96 South of Market single broke the sound of the San Francisco based duo. Global Cooling is now CD lucky #7 for all of Ms Cooling's many fans and it's a gem!!



Unencumbered by many of the contractual details that can impede the free flow of the creative ideas, Joyce and Jay present a collection replete with rhythm, melody, and groove and, it's therefore with pleasure that we pause to present Joyce Cooling and a trio of terrific tracks from that release as the subject for the showcase segment!!



To begin we've selected the Brazilian tinged Dolores in Pink, which is actually a tribute to Jay Wagner's mom that we featured on the Fresh trax segment a few weeks back. Light and airy yet remarkably expressive, Joyce and Jay earn top marks for the subtlety with which they explore the highly infectious meter! Starting hour #2 may be one of the most underrated songs on the entire disc in the tango-flavoured The Red Rose. Elegant and yet somewhat gritty, this track is a study in contrasts with Cooling's delicate finger style perfectly off-set by Wagner sparkling keys, a thumping bass, and that insistent accordion!!

Finally, it's the pulse of the emphatic title track and Cooling's musical salute to the safeguarding of our planet that rounds out the segment. Familiar, friendly, and occasionally exotic, while stretching well outside the confines of the everyday, Global Cooling is a gleaming collation of much of Joyce Cooling's finest material to date!!

Note: As with their previous release, Joyce & Jay are denoting a portion of all sales to the National Alliance on Mental Illness.