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Allison Adams Tucker

Come With Me

(Allegato Music)

Allison Adams Tucker has an enthusiastic voice that displays her great interest in the many cultures and languages of the world. She spent four years living in Japan and sings in seven languages including French, Portuguese and Japanese. On *Come With Me*, she starts off as if this will be a typical standards date with such songs as “I’ve Got The World On A String,” “Blue Skies” and “I’ll Be Seeing You” along with “La Vie En Rose.” However after introducing her original “You Got Me,” she sings “The

Sea” in French and interprets “Volver” and “O Barquinho,” showing that one should expect the unexpected when listening to her. Her distinctive voice blends in well with the backup musicians who change from track to track but often include guitarist Peter Sprague, pianist Kamau Kenyatta, Reiko Obato on koto, violinist Ray Suen and/or trumpeter Derek Cannon. Since she is based in San Diego, it would be rewarding if someone would book Allison Adams Tucker in Los Angeles for she has a great deal to offer. Her CD is available from www.AllisonAdamsTucker.com.

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