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QUIET JOY

Jennifer Lee *Quiet Joy* (SBE Records SBECD 040)

A very pleasing album of good songs, elegantly played and sung showing flair and understanding. No flash and thunder, just first rate musicianship. Jennifer Lee sings with a clear yet subtly mature voice, interpreting the lyrics with charm. Her vocal sound is ably aided and abetted by solid performances from a small gathering of California-based instrumentalists who never put a foot or finger wrong. Peter Sprague plays guitar on ten of the thirteen tracks and bassists Bob Magnusson and Buca Necak share duties while drummer Duncan Moore maintains a subtle pulse on eight tracks. There are other instrumentalists on hand throughout and Jennifer too shows that she is not just a pretty voice, playing guitar on eight tracks and piano on two. The material includes a few standards, some attractive Latin songs, and Jennifer herself has written some rather nice original songs. Altogether, this is a very attractive CD and one that should bring much pleasure to many.