

## **Review Excerpts for Rane Nogales Jazz Quartet "A Ruby for Magic"**

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The latest offering from Bellingham's own jazz siren, Rane Nogales, and her fabulous threesome of musicians, is called A Ruby for Magic. And magic is indeed the mood of this ten-track emotional hotbed of sound...

The CD is slow, thick and rich...The talent here is not trying to seduce the listeners-it just does it without trying as jazz often does.

Nogales' heartbreak and loneliness is believable, evident and painfully wonderful in each track...This theme of love lost, missed and the romance-addicted infliction that is universal, spills forward onto each track.

Tessa M. Allison  
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A pre-release review of Rane Nogales Quartet's "A Ruby for Magic":

Rane has a poignant, sensitive voice, a bluesy voice ...very much, her own stylist...mellow, romantic, passionate...The singer leaves ample space for the instrumentalists to stretch out and show their stuff -- and great stuff, it is. Jeff Johnson truly makes his bass sing during solos, while Blake Angelos, on piano, shows remarkable intonation and timing. Listening to this quartet, one can readily sense the negotiation happening..

Lyle Hanson  
The Lynden Eagle  
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Nogales is a jazz-singer...of a different sort. She sounds best the less she's there...quiet and sultry are her pillars, rather than loud and bawdy. Softer arid readings of standards such as "Mood Indigo" and "Skylark" are silky smooth, bettered by each airy crackle...

Tony Staciek  
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