



Pure Pleasure WP1285

Annie Ross featuring Zoot Sims: A Gasser

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Although best known as a member of the vocalese supergroup Lambert, Hendricks & Ross, the great jazz singer Annie Ross's solo albums are gems unto themselves and "A Gasser!" from 1959 is the finest of them all. Miss Ross is in peak vocal form here and is joined by the great Zoot Sims on saxophone and much of the same band featured on the Lambert, Hendricks & Ross classic "The Swingers". Don't expect any of the vocal acrobatics of the Lambert, Hendricks & Ross recordings however. This is straight-ahead jazz singing by one of the great singers in her prime. From the wry wit of "Everything I've Got" through the sheer perfection and beauty of "You're Nearer", this set is a must-have for jazz vocal fans. Highly recommended.

Recording: February & March 1959

Production: Richard Bock "A Gasser" - Annie Ross (voc); Zoot Sims, Bill Perkins (ts); Russ Freeman (p); Jim Hall, Billy Bean (g); Monte Budwig (b); Mel Lewis, Frank Capp (dr)