

ANIYA RELEASES IN OTHER WORDS, HER DEBUT RECORDING

A popular jazz and ballad singer based in the Los Angeles area, Aniya recently recorded and released her first CD. In Other Words matches her beautiful voice with the superb rhythm section of pianist Alan Broadbent, bassist Dave Carpenter and drummer Peter Erskine.

Born in Tokyo, Aniya has established herself in Los Angeles as a singer and pianist who has a very attractive voice and an intimate style. After performing at many clubs including regularly at the popular Koreatown jazz bar Bobby London, she was long overdue to make a recording that her fans and other jazz listeners would enjoy. Guitarist-producer Dirk K. persuaded her that now was the time and the results are quite rewarding.

Each of Aniya's sidemen has an endless amount of very impressive credits. Alan Broadbent has performed with the who's who of jazz. Among the vocalists who he has worked with have been Irene Kral (their three ballad albums are exquisite), Sue Raney, Diana Krall (as her musical director and conductor), Rosemary Clooney, Mel Torme, Karrin Allyson, Mary Stallings, Judy Niemack, Sheila Jordan and Carol Sloane. Dave Carpenter has played with nearly every major musician who has passed through Los Angeles with some of the more notable names including Buddy Rich, Maynard Ferguson, Al Jarreau, David Sanborn, Bill Holman and Lalo Schifrin. Peter Erskine, after extensive tours with Stan Kenton, became famous for playing with Weather Report. He has since appeared on hundreds of recordings including with such singers as Diana Krall, Joni Mitchell, Tania Maria, Ricki Lee Jones and Barbara Streisand. All three of the masterful musicians can now add Aniya to their credits.

In Other Words is full of subtle creativity and surprises. The set begins with the rarely-heard verse of "Fly Me To The Moon" during a version that is much slower than usual and quite heartfelt. "Lover Man" has close interaction between Aniya and Dave Carpenter while "Blame It On My Youth" has one of the singer's most expressive vocals. "The Look Of Love," which Aniya says is her all-time favorite song, is full of joy which she expresses at a relaxed tempo. Hoagy Carmichael's "The Nearness Of You," Duke Ellington's "Prelude To A Kiss," Cole Porter's wistful "Everytime We Say Goodbye" and "Never Let Me Go" all receive warm treatment by the singer and her all-star trio.

Throughout In Other Words, Aniya displays an intimate, warm and sensuous style. Her voice is quiet but powerful, cool but with a great deal of inner heat felt just beneath the surface. Her interpretations are quite memorable and heartfelt.

For more information on In Other Words and Aniya, she can be contacted through her website, www.aniya.com.