

KACEY JONES SINGS MICKEY NEWBURY
(CD Liner Notes by Ron Lyons)

Kacey Jones is seasoned in a business that devours many only to disappear in a brief flash unable to pay the required dues. Hard work and a gift for making people happy keep her going as she entertains with considerable talent. She's not like anybody else. It's rare.

Kacey recorded a CD at the legendary Bluebird Cafe' in Nashville plaintively entitled: *Every Man I Love is Either Married, Gay, or Dead* (IGO-2005). Yes, she's a very funny lady but, the difference between laughter and sadness may well be the length of a tear. There's a good chance the ghost of Mickey Newbury was still hanging around the Bluebird...chain smoking unfiltered Camels, because he loved to laugh and, when he couldn't laugh, that's when he wrote his miraculous songs...miraculous in the power they have to move people.

Mickey was very ill in the last years of his life and never stopped writing until his death in September of 2002. Although he released a few CDs toward the end, he frequently said, "I wish I had the time and resources to do these the way I really want to." *Kacey Jones Sings Mickey Newbury* would please him and may be her answer to that wish. To songwriters, their songs are like their children and what you're about to hear are those children clothed in their finest. They shine and resound in new attire but they're still the ones you've always loved.

Mickey Newbury mostly wrote songs of release...there are those and others here. They're sung by a woman who is a favorite of Garrison Keillor and all who love to be thoroughly entertained. She's somewhere between Billie Holiday and Bette Midler with a touch of Joplin...both Scott and Janis. She also produced Kinky Friedman's cult favorite *Pearls in the Snow*.

Let the music wrap itself around you and listen from the inside as, Kacey Jones sings Mickey Newbury.

---Ron Lyons

Ron Lyons spent most of his career as a San Francisco radio personality at legendary stations, KEWB, KNBR, and KCBS. He also wrote and produced the 2 CD biography: *Mickey Newbury, An American Treasure*.