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Luciana Souza Quotes

"[Luciana Souza] a New Yorker from Brazil whose singing bridges with breathtaking finesse the not-so-wide gap between Brazilian pop and American jazz. Souza's voice is low, soft and as agile as an otter in water, and it is a sensual pleasure to hear her sing in Portuguese, that most liquid and supple of languages. How marvelous that a singer unknown to me a month ago should now be one of my favorites!"

Washington Post

"Luciana Souza is a jazz singer who doesn't inhabit the normal jazz-singer role. She's also a composer and arranger of considerable gifts, and there's a lot going on in her music; characterizing it from one piece to the next becomes difficult. Her quintet, built with some of the best players in New York, isn't always a quintet. Her performance contracts and expands: sometimes the strength of the conception is in five players, sometimes three, sometimes two, sometimes Ms. Souza alone.

New York Times

"...the ethereal, wordless vocal lines that singer Luciana Souza unfurled...made this quartet sound unlike any other...[her] haunting, technically mercurial scat lines floated easily above the ensemble sound."

Chicago Tribune

"Souza phrases with the wisdom of an old soul. With a refined, fluid voice, she's a master of rhythm and pitch and knows how to get to the core of a melody - her interpretive sensibility projects clarity, emotional openness and keen, almost detached self-knowledge. As these recordings attest, she is a highly trained musician and composer who sees the larger picture, a consequential storyteller-poet in English and in Portuguese who is keenly aware of how she wants to frame her sound."

Downbeat Magazine

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Her voice is singular in sound, at once sultry and supple and deeply musical."

Seattle Post-Intelligencer