BARBARA ROSENE

JAZZ VOCALIST

Review by Bob Gish Jazz Inside

"Barbara Rosene taps an allstar line up of musicians and arrangers for this treasure trove of tunes. Champion guitarists James Chirillo and Howard Alden take turns with their plectrum and arrangement talents. The focus, of course, is Barbara Rosene's singing which more than capitalizes on the fine arrangements, including those done by Ray Machiarola, Wycliffe Gordon and Randy Sandke. Great recordings such as this, like any musical ensemble is the result of successful collaboration and, again, this is an exemplary effort. For this listener's money, the prize track is "That Sunday, That Summer," where both Rosene and Chirillo excel at their offerings. Chirillo's solo is perfectly charming, played with just the right num- ber and nature of notes in just the right mix of lines, chord melody, and voicings. Joel Forbes' bass, too, is right on for the temper of the tune. All in all, musicians, arrangements, vocals, tune selection – this is a AAA winner!"