

Mavis Staples

"Sista Janiva's robust and soulful voice is showering each cut with determination to make us all fall in love. Her delivery is as always, sincere and straight from the heart. Sweet Soul Music is alive and kickin'..."

Bettye LaVette

"Hopefully, this recording will bring the rest of the world to Janiva, and then they'll know, like I know, that she's one of the 'real deals' out there."

"Seeing Janiva Magness live for the first time was exhilarating and refreshing. These days it's rare to see a performer put their "all" into their performance, as Janiva does."

Delbert McClinton

"Janiva sings with a rare conviction. She will not be denied."

Charlie Musselwhite

"Janiva Magness always knocks me out because she has such style and poise on stage and she hits every note she sings just right, perfect every time."

Gary Nicholson

"Janiva's singing serves the song in the classic and timeless way of all great vocalists, she makes the lyric and melody connect with the listener heart and soul."

"A bold and potent artist of the highest order....incendiary vocal performances....impossible to forget."

-- Blues Revue

"Magness nails every performance, seamlessly shifting from dark to light. It's that dichotomy that brings the tension and release, edging her a little further from the typical R&B territory that is only a starting point for her dynamic talent."

-- Allmusic Guide

"Magness has a powerful set of lungs, a good soul and a warm, expansive heart. The magnetic Magness moves seamlessly from swampy blues to funky soul with a sinuously ebullient strut."

-- LA Weekly

"Magness is a blues star. Stunningly sung."

-- USA Today

"Superb, potent soul-blues. Magness sings with a scorching intensity. Gritty and roadhouse-ready."

-- Philadelphia Inquirer

"Magness channels Memphis-style soul and smoky R&B...she brings true grit to the stage."

-- Chicago Tribune

"Magness possesses a mighty voice with a particularly sultry buzz...she cuts loose with memorable effect on lowdown blues, rugged funk, and green-eyed soul."

-- **Billboard**

"Her songs run the gamut of emotions from sorrow to joy. A master at the lowdown blues who is equally at ease surrounded by a funk or soul sound, Magness invigorates every song with a brutal honesty."

-- **Chicago Sun-Times**

"Hard-hitting, sassy blues."

-- **Washington Post**

"Magness vocalizes with no frills gusto... the sound of her voice reverberating from the listener's ear down to the gut."

-- **Downbeat**

"Magness can belt out a song with speaker-threatening intensity."

"Magness can belt out a song as well as anyone."

"Magness sings with a smoky, savvy quality."

"Magness has a powerful sultry and smoky blues voice"

-- **LA Times**

"Janiva Magness contains some of the most powerful and mature vocal chords I've heard in my reviewing days. Her voice is sultry, smoky, and strong with jazz, blues, and soul textures enveloping it. Soulful" is the first word that comes to mind when listening to her... 'Classic' is the second."

-- **Singer Magazine**

"Magness' voice has a similar unadorned, honest edge and sound. She can belt out or croon lyrics, and she excels on everything in the blues/R&B canon from testimonials and romantic tunes to flamboyant fare and quieter ballads."

-- **Nashville City Paper**

"Magness is in possession of a supreme set of pipes and is arguably one of the more talented female vocalists to emerge of late... She rocks with a sexual vitality and power not heard in years. Honest, soulful and seductive."

-- **BluesWax**

"Magness captures powerful heartbreak perfectly and, in doing so, creates a seamless mood to the point where you don't care whether any one song is new or old. Magness manages to make a statement that the music is hers, and ours, as she weaves the sentiments and sounds together into one big beautiful package".

-- **Dirty Linen Magazine**