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Erin Harpe and The Delta Swingers - The Christmas Swing



Getting into the Christmas spirit is easy with a little holiday cheer from <u>Erin Harpe & The Delta Swingers:</u> <u>The Christmas Swing</u>. The 10-track <u>Blues album</u>featuring <u>Erin Harpe</u>, <u>Jim Countryman</u>, <u>Matt "Charles" Prozialeck</u>, and <u>Chris Anzalone</u>with <u>Special Guests</u>: <u>John Juxo</u>and <u>Richard Rosenblatt</u> released on the <u>VizzTone Label Group</u>/Juicy Juju Records/Squirrelygirl <u>Music</u> a mix of new and old-time favorites that are sure to get your holiday party started in style.



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Personnel: Erin Harpe: all vocals and guitars (acoustic, electric, slide), percussion, washboard, Jim Countryman: electric bass, snaps, claps, Matt "Charles" Prozialeck: electric and acoustic harmonicas, Chris Anzalone: drum kit and percussion, Special Guests: John Juxo: piano on track 4, Richard Rosenblatt: harmonica on track 6

Erin Harpe & The Delta Swingers - The Christmas Swing was produced by Erin Harpe and co-produced by Jim Countryman on the <u>Vizztone Label Group</u>/JuicyJuju Records/Squirrelygirl Music.

Erin Harpe & The Delta Swingers - The Christmas Swing is the band's first holiday album and they clearly have fun with it. The release opens with the traditional *Jingle Bell Blues* however the arrangement and Erin's vocals give it a rocking fresh feel. Next up is the song, *Merry Christmas*, written by Joe Luke, that is the perfect blend of the Blues. Erin Harpe shows off her arranging prowess as well as her guitar finger-picking finesse on the song, *The Night Before Christmas*, which kicks it up a notch with Matt "Charles" Prozialeck layering in the harmonica as acomplement to Erin's vocals.

The playlist continues with the 1925 Fred W. Longshaw song, *At the Christmas Ball* made famous by the "Empress of the Blues" the late, great Bessie Smith (1894 - 1937) and features John Juxo on piano. There lease picks up the pace with the Lou Psyche song, *Merry Christmas (Here I Come)*, which has a vibrant Zydeco feel. The title track, *The Christmas Swing* written by Erin Harpe and Richard Rosenblatt opens with Chris Anzalone setting the pace with a pumping drum opening and gets an extra helping of holiday spice from Richard Rosenblatt on harmonica.

Next up is the traditional song, *Christmas Is A-Comin'* written by Lead Belly in the 1940s, followed by the Bo Carter song, *Drink and Get Drunk*, which definitely sets this release apart from other holiday albums. Erin

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Harpe and the band have fun with the rollicking 1958 Johnny Marks and Marvin Brodie song, *Run Run Rudolph* and make it their own before closing out the release with the traditional New Year's Eve song, *Auld Lang Syne*. Happy Holidays to all!

Until next time, keep enjoying the music!

For information on Erin Harpe & The Delta Swingers and upcoming tour dates, please visit the website: www.ErinHarpe.com

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