

**BELLA
BLUE**

Opie Bellas

Quotes 1

"A great performer in her prime...do yourself a favor and track her down."

- **JazzTimes Magazine** - America's Jazz Magazine
Christopher Louden

"A sexy voice, impeccable taste and rare musical instinct add up to make Opie Bellas a jazz singer to treasure. Best of all is the unmistakable impression she leaves that there is always more where that came from."

- **San Francisco Chronicle**
Octavio Roca

"Opie Bellas make such an instant emotional connection with her songs that it's hard not to be moved when she sings. At the same time, her voice has a musicality so innate, that she never has to strain to prove it"

- **James Gavin**
Grammy-nominated author of *Deep in a Dream: The Long Night of Chet Baker*, is writing a biography of Lena Horne

"Bellas phrases from the heart. A gifted storyteller worthy of more recognition."

- **Backstage Magazine**, New York City
John Hoglund

"There is, in every writer of words and music, a silent prayer that a singer will pick up his song and find a way to make the words and music live for the listener. Opie does that. She makes you listen. She's not just singing. She's sitting beside you, whispering in your ear."

- **Arthur Hamilton** composer/lyricist of "Cry Me A River"

"Opie Bellas knows what to sing and how to sing it! If you thought you've heard *Lazy Afternoon*, *Born to be Blue*, *Fever*, think again.... Opie puts the classic "Fever" smack dab in the middle of the jazz idiom, with her unique and compelling arrangement."

- **Melanie Berzon**
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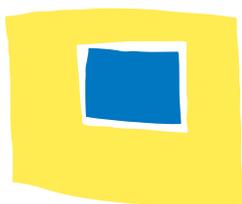
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Opie Bellas Quotes 2

"The tenderness and passion Opie Bellas imbues in the opening Since You Stayed Here sets the tone for Live For Life, a simply wondrous and imaginative collection of nine familiar songs that sound anything but in Bellas' alluring interpretations and an original work that sends one searching for the socks that have been knocked off - only after the tears have been wiped away. Live For Life is a work that reaches deep into your soul and ranks as one of the year's finest creations..."

• **Cabaret Scenes Magazine**

Jeff Rossen

"With burnished, vibrant timbre reminiscent of Joni James and Chris Connor, Bellas wraps her smoky voice around (her) material."

• **Napa Valley Register**

L. Pierce Carson

"Fast rising to a preeminent rank in the hierarchy of jazz vocalists. A Jazz singer from the old school, Bellas doesn't mess around with chichi vocal embroidery. She sings, the lyrics pure and simple in a warm, seasoned voice that's assured, in total control. and backed by impeccable phrasing."

• **San Francisco Bay Times**

Gene Price

"The first time I heard Opie Bellas sing, I demanded to know where she had been all my life. With a sophisticated, honey-warm jazz sound like Bellas' and phrasing that would have made Ella nod in admiration—why had I never heard of this woman? A year from now, if you're left out of all the Opie Bellas buzz, you'll have only yourself to blame."

• **San Francisco Chronicle**

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