

Joy Katzen-Guthrie

**"Her words are uplifting and inspiring ... She is truly a gifted musician and a wonderful example of what spirituality and faith can mean in the 21st century."
~Weekly Planet Magazine Critic's Choice, Best Religious Music, Best of the Bay 2000**



It is wisdom delivered by a confident voice that makes this album such a proud, professional triumph ... The music here is full of personal revelation and celebratory wonder... Free of angst, minus preachy platitudes, Katzen-Guthrie manages what so few singers do — to make you feel hopeful without being weighed down by sickly sentiment. She sings her anthems softly, mixed in with groovy guitars, cool cellos, and all sorts of other instruments, showcasing a voice that has rare sing-a-long quality ... She can kick it up and lay it down ... Now the question is: Where's that major label record contract? ~Jennifer Barrs, Tampa Tribune

Joy is a marvel on the keyboard, making her playing seem effortless. Her compositions, as well as the adaptations of others' songs, reflect the summation that it is her life. When she sits down at the keyboard, starts playing, smiles that warm smile of hers and sings to your heart, well it's just inspirational! Her stories of life and love are fulfilling to all who listen.
~Donna Klein, President, Women Musicians' Alliance

Singer-composer-keyboardist Joy Katzen-Guthrie has a gift... Her voice is expressive and moving, flexible and powerful. As a songwriter, her songs bear the mark of craftsmanship. The songs shine... ~Rex Havok, Jam Entertainment

Joy's wonderful music and radiating personality are both playing an important part in increasing peace and harmony in the world. ~Rabbi Dr. Avraham Abrahami, London

A potent, tender, supple, and remarkable voice... ~Eileen Raymond, Bay Area Connection

Florida resident Joy Katzen-Guthrie has a wonderful singing voice, light and joyous, and she performs an unusual program of original inspirational music in her latest CD, *Passages*. The album is well-paced and the songs are unerring in their uplifting messages ... She's unquestionably ready to reach out to a bigger audience. ~Bob Powers, G21 PowerSound Magazine

She truly matches her name with her joyful exuberance and love of music ... Her own impressive and original music continually touches the heart. ~Annie Miller, Program Manager of Eckerd College Elderhostel

Joy Katzen-Guthrie is a gifted musician who will absolutely astound you with her talent. Listening to her perform and watching how she brings all the elements of music and voice together often leaves me breathless ... She puts an energy into her music that can't help but thrill those who are listening. She is a fantastic performer."
~Robert Moffa, Composer/Arranger and Founder, American Ideals Foundation, Inc.

Katzen-Guthrie uses simple, direct language and soothing melodies to describe the complex feelings of found love, lost love, and the growth of spirituality ... Her playing and singing have never sounded stronger or more convincing ...
~Focus Entertainment Magazine

If the idea of tackling 27 Judaic hymns, 16 century Kabbalistic prayers, and medieval metaphysical song/poems, seems like a challenging idea to you, you're not alone. But performance/recording artist Joy Katzen-Guthrie makes the inevitable cultural gap not only tolerable, but downright entrancing. Blessed with a powerfully serene voice, these ancient prayers - backed only by Katzen-Guthrie's lilting harp-like keyboard - possess a simple and beautiful magnificence. The fact that she's willing to demystify the language and meaning behind the material in her extensive liner notes makes the endeavor all the more meaningful and enjoyable for the uninitiated. ~Bill Templeton, Jam Entertainment News

Things are just grand these days for this energetic woman. "I've been blessed in a lot of ways," she says. Number one is her voice. Strong, rich and full-ranged, she can belt out a Broadway number as easily as a haunting cantorial chant.
~Michelle Bearden, Tampa Tribune

**** The best among them is *The Heart of Ancient Promise*, a collection of mostly Yiddish songs that are so charming, so heartfelt, it's enough to make anyone nostalgic - even those born long after the numbers were popular...If you've always wanted to learn Jewish religious songs, but were afraid to ask, buy these recordings and sing along with Joy...her voice couldn't be more lovely.
~Elizabeth Applebaum, Detroit Jewish Jews

We just saw and heard you perform. It was something to behold... We are both sitting here with tears of joy in our eyes!
~Marshall & Beth Arkin, Homosassa, Florida