

Lauren Bush

All My Treasures

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Lauren Bush is a Canadian singer who moved to London four years ago to further her career. Although she's previously toured the U.S., Canada and Europe, things took off after settling in the U.K.



Her unique phrasing, perfect diction and scatting abilities make this a solid debut. On Bob Dorough's "I've Got Just About Everything I Need," she manipulates the melody, jamming words together to keep up with Andrew Robb's double-time bass, and on the jubilant "Secret Love," her vocal dances in and around Robb's lyrical bass line to highlight Brandon Allen's saxophone work and the sparse rhythms of drummer David Ingamells.

Her delivery of the Horace Silver/Lambert, Hendricks and Ross classic "Doodlin'" is as impressive as the original. Robb and Dunachie stay in the background to let Bush show off her phrasing, which emphasizes the witty lyric. Her dusky midrange is featured on "Detour Ahead," one of the album's few down-tempo tunes. Allen's doleful sax and Dunachie's hushed piano cushion her ironic vocal, as she laments a narrow escape from heartache and, by implication, happiness.

—j. poet

All My Treasures: I've Got Just About Everything I Need; I'm Old Fashioned; Dindi; Secret Love; A, You're Adorable; I'm Gonna Sit Right Down And Write Myself A Letter; Detour Ahead; Charade; Sweet Georgia Brown; Doodlin'; You're Nearer; Feelin' Alright. (52:17)

Personnel: Lauren Bush, vocals; Liam Dunachie, piano; Andrew Robb, bass; David Ingamells, drums; Brandon Allen, tenor saxophone; Kieran McLeod, trombone; Miguel Gorodi, trumpet; Ian Shaw, backing vocals.

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