



Gina Forsyth **"You Are Here"** Waterbug Records

Following a couple of years silence, and relocated to the West coast state of Oregon, Andrew Calhoun reactivates his Waterbug imprint with the debut set from Gina Forsyth. Alabama born and a resident of New Orleans for some years, Gina's **"You Are Here"** is a value for money package with the sixteen tracks running out at just over sixty minutes. Once upon a time, this would have been a double album. Apart from a cover of Mike West's amusing and cautionary tale "Don't Move Back" and the melody that Gina composed to underpin the traditional, "J'ai Fait Tot Le Tour De Grand Bois [I Went Walking Through The Big Woods]" the remaining songs are all her own work. There's even a trio, and a solo, version of Gina's "Somewhere Off The Foot Of This Mountain" Rich and deep, Forsyth's voice is the result of many years spent singing in Alabama's Bible Belt church choirs. In the early-nineties she was performed in Cajun band, Mamou and currently works with Bruce Daigrepoint. Taken on the basis that this is a debut solo disc, it's a creditable effort.

Folkwax rating – 4 out of 10

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