



JOY ASKEW'S LATEST CD, *Drunk On You*, is a near-perfect reflection of an artist who has talent to spare. Throughout her long career, Askew has played in a blues band, studied and taught Jazz, recorded several solo albums of pop songs, and formed an electronic jazz duo. She's toured and/or recorded with just about everyone: performance artist Laurie Anderson, Joe Jackson, Peter Gabriel, Sufjan Stevens, and the late Phoebe Snow just to name a few. All of these influences and more can be heard on *Drunk*, with its title cut ("In another life, I thought I was sober, but I was drunk on you."), setting the tone far from home. Whether the minimal yet beautiful piano and voice of "Walk Under Waterfalls," or the full arrangement of "All the Little Birds," Askew reaches for your heart and usually touches it.