



# CYNTHIA SAYER

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## “Attractions” CD Reviews

Nominated for 2009 Swing Journal Disc Award (Japan)  
Nominated for Just Plain Folks 2009 Music Awards (USA)  
Selected for “Best CDs of 2007” List –Jazz Journalists Association (USA)

“Notable women in jazz have stood out as singers and sometimes as pianists. Cynthia Sayer has made her mark in the jazz world in an almost unheard of way, on banjo.”  
-INTERNATIONAL MUSICIAN JOURNAL

“The results are mind blowing.... A totally tasty, head turning, ear opening set that practically defines a genre on its own; this jazzy, snazzy date will turn you into a fan in no time.”  
-MIDWESTRECORDS.COM

“Sayer’s playing is far more expansive than the original performers on this instrument.”  
-ALL MUSIC GUIDE

“Cynthia Sayer takes her banjo playing seriously – and so does the regular jazz world.”  
-JAZZIZ

“Sayer hits one out of the park on this delightful disc. The banjo queen... lights up the studio with her crackling string inventions and breezy jazz vocals... [and] displays her regal chops.”  
-THE HARTFORD COURANT

“She can pick with the confidence of a bluegrass veteran or chomp as cleanly as Freddie Green.”  
-JAZZTIMES—BEST OF 2007 ISSUE

“She can get around her banjo quite well, often soloing in a style akin to electric guitar.... Sayer is a more than competent singer, clever arranger and astute talent scout, making her album noteworthy.”  
-ALL ABOUT JAZZ NEW YORK

“A highly rewarding display of her sensitive playing and her musical intelligence. She is also an earnest singer, someone who changes her approach according to her material, and the material is happily varied ... Each track offers surprises.”  
-CADENCE MAGAZINE

“She takes us into places where you’d never expect the banjo to be admitted and makes herself completely at home.”  
-DICK HYMAN

“New and fresh sounds.... with every track full of surprises. In this business, every now and again you turn a corner and come across delights that keep your faith in the music burning. Thank you, Cynthia.”  
-JUST JAZZ (UK)

“Versatile banjo stylings as well as a terrific no-nonsense vocal style... Her arrangements are just right, and her sense of showmanship and good humor makes the whole a fresh and exciting experience... She’s expanding the whole concept of the banjo in her own way, much as Bela Fleck has also done in his way.”  
-AUDIOPHILE AUDITION

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### "Attractions" CD Reviews Cont'd

"Cynthia Sayer is a first class jazz banjoist and vocalist. She can swing with the best of them.... If this CD doesn't change your mind about jazz banjo, nothing will."

-JUST JAZZ GUITAR

"Cynthia Sayer simply plays the banjo like nobody else that I have heard on the scene today. She takes what is a novelty instrument by today's jazz standards, and takes it to places where others do not think to voyage."

-JERSEY JAZZ JOURNAL

"One of the few prominent banjo soloists around today .... a personable and versatile singer and a skilled arranger."

-L.A. JAZZ SCENE

"Sayer displays the creativity, diversity and originality that continues to define her as a unique musical identity."

-ALLFRETS MAGAZINE

"She plays with class and fire .... In her hands the banjo is an eloquent, versatile instrument."

-THE MISSISSIPPI RAG

"A virtual smorgasbord .... all done with the good taste we've come to expect from Sayer."

-THE AMERICAN RAG

"When this banjo player says she loves many different styles, she is not kidding."

-IC VIEW MAGAZINE

"Outstanding plectrum banjo artistry, augmented by top-notch musicians ..... a lesson regarding how the banjo can handle a program of diverse material"

-THE RESONATOR

"In the hands of Cynthia Sayer, the banjo has plenty to say."

-JAZZINK.COM

"The listener will be instantly mesmerized with the phenomenal banjo playing....Listen to this CD. It's amazing."

-METRO SPIRIT ATLANTA

"Powerful banjo playing proves her sure ability. Genuine and pure vocal work adds more attraction."

-SWING JOURNAL (Japan)

"Nothing short of amazing... And it is most certainly something a little different."

-BLOGCRITICS MAGAZINE

"She is tenacious in her ability to swing the juice out of anything that comes her way."

-JAZZWEEKLY.COM

"Cynthia Sayer is top notch as a vocalist and banjoist. This record is joyful, enthusiastic and swings gracefully. 5 STARS"

-EJAZZNEWS.COM

"A very talented musician....swings like crazy. There are many highlights throughout this recording."

-THE IAJRC JOURNAL (International Association of Jazz Record Collectors)