

PHYLLIS CHAPELL & SIORA

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Phyllis Chapell & SIORA -- World Songs ** World Jazz: a blend of music from the U.S., Latin/South America, Europe and the Middle East, all with their own unique arrangements--as well as original compositions--all shaken and stirred with all-American jazz.

"We struggled with being all over the map, and then we embraced it!" says singer/guitarist **Phyllis Chapell**. "Our music, wherever it comes from, passes through the prism of jazz, allowing us the freedom to navigate--to cross musical borders."

Phyllis Chapell & SIORA's 2011 CD release is called "The Other Side of the River" and shows all the various configurations possible, from solo (vocals and guitar) to ensemble work. **Phyllis Chapell** plays and sings songs from around the world in up to 13 languages. Her 3-octave vocals are supported and complemented by her acoustic guitar, capturing the essence of musical styles from percussive Brazilian sambas and explosive flamenco to elegant folk, jazz, contemporary and original ballads. She has been named one of the top 521 jazz vocalists by Scott Yanow (*Downbeat*, *Jazz Times*, *AllMusicGuide*) in his book, "*The Jazz Singers: The Ultimate Guide*".

Alongside Chapell are an array of the finest of the region's players, including keyboardists Dave Posmontier and Heath Allen; bassists Rob Swanson, Chico Huff, Kevin MacConnell, Steve Beskrone. Drummers/percussionists include Jimmy Coleman, Paul Jost, Jim Hamilton, Joseph Tayoun. Guest players include Ken Ulansey (sax/pennywhistle), and Howard Levy (wood flute/harmonica). Phyllis Chapell also sings with Intercultural Journeys--with Philadelphia Orchestra cellist Udi Bar-David--and the Hot Club of Philadelphia (gypsy jazz).

Phyllis Chapell & SIORA have released 4 other CDs that have received critical acclaim. *Sound Roots (Spin the Globe)* says that SIORA has a "...special chemistry that makes this modern genre-bending music deeply satisfying and highly recommended."

"Blending world music and contemporary jazz into a soundscape that needs no translation, SIORA takes you on a journey of the soul, touching down in Rio, Paris, Mazer-e-Sharif and points beyond." (*Straight No Chaser*, UK)

