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Rigmor Gustafsson Signature Edition

Double-CD

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The task: To capture the lifetime achievements, and the essential essence of the best ACT-artists. The solution: ACT Signature Editions. Much more than a usual "Best Of" album, on these double CD-sets the musicians themselves picked out 24 pieces, which they feel represent the most important, significant and personal selections from their repertoire. Remastered and given the best possible post-production. An excellent introduction for established fans as well as newcomers, who have yet to discover the musicians and their art...

Born on a small farm on the countryside of Sweden, Rigmor Gustafsson discovered early on that music and singing was her distinction. After studying at the Royal Academy of Music in Stockholm she quickly became a sought-after vocalist for big bands, small jazz ensembles and even for TV work. But despite this early success she chose not to take the easy route and decided to broaden her skills, and in 1993 went to New York to continue her training. Within three years she made it from a student (among her mentors were Sheila Jordan and Clark Terry) to a teacher at the renowned Mannes College of Music and worked with her own quartet, who also toured throughout Europe. Back in Sweden she soon found herself at the forefront of the second generation of Swedish jazz singers, who at that time were about to conquer the world. The collaboration with ACT star Nils Landgren on festivals and on his album *Sentimental Journey* (ACT 9409-2), followed by her own signing for ACT, marked her international breakthrough. Her five ACT CDs to date as a leader have been highly acclaimed by the critics and reached top chart positions in Sweden, Germany and many other countries.

Well trained and versatile, precise and powerful – all this fits for Rigmor Gustafsson's singing, but the key to her success is not something one could just learn by rote; rather it is her innate, natural ability. Even with the most difficult vocal parts there is no 'diva' present – there is a human being, down to earth and in tune with the audience. As the famous German critic Werner Burkhardt once said, "Her soul speaks to the souls of others". In accordance with this, the songs Gustafsson selected for her Signature Edition do not simply tell the chronological story of her career, but instead take the listener on a tour through reflected experiences and deep emotions.

The range of her musical expressions is as broad as the range of human feelings itself: she sings the standards, like Charles Mingus' "Goodbye Pork Pie Hat", as well as several own compositions from her songwriter album *Alone With You* (ACT 9717-2). She transforms the soul of Burt Bacharach and Dionne Warwick's ingenious duets (such as "Alfie" and the title track from her album *Close To You* (ACT 9703-2)), enlightens the sophisticated chansons of Michel Legrand (from her album *On My Way To You* (ACT 9710-2)), flirts with pop ("So Bad" or Sting's "Fragile") and classical music ("Nocturne") or improvises with sparkling joy on catchy jazz pieces ("Plan #46" and "Fancy Nancy"). In the same way, Gustafsson loves to work with a host of very different musicians - with the young and wild musicians of her early quintet; with illustrious pianists like Jacky Terrasson or Elise Einarsdotter; with magical drummers like Eric Harland or Wolfgang Haffner; with the genre-bending radio.string.quartet.vienna; and consistently with Nils Landgren, as a trombone player as well as a perfect matching singer – their version of James Taylor's "Fire And Rain" became a touching tribute to Esbjörn Svensson. As a result of this open-minded musical sensitivity, players of all kinds love Rigmor Gustafsson for her spirit and her honesty - as will anyone who hears her Signature Edition.

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**The CD:**

The RIGMOR GUSTAFSSON Signature Edition – Double CD – ACT 6009-2

Line Up:

With Nils Landgren, Jacky Terrasson, Lars Danielsson, Wolfgang Haffner, Dan Berglund, Magnus Lindgren, Peter Asplund, Eric Harland, radio.string.quartet.vienna and many more.

Tracks:

CD 1:

- 01 Still
- 02 Move Me No Mountain
- 03 Fire And Rain
- 04 On My Way To You
- 05 Det blir aldrig som kan tänkt sig
- 06 Alfie
- 07 I Was Born In Love With You
- 08 Close To You
- 09 Plan #46
- 10 Stop All The Clocks
- 11 Leaving Part II
- 12 Goodbye For Now

CD 2:

- 01 You Don't Have To Worry
- 02 If You Go Away
- 03 Love Is A Little Late
- 04 (I Need You) So Bad
- 05 Will Our Love Be There
- 06 I Miss You*
- 07 The Summer Knows
- 08 I'm Not Playing With You*
- 09 Fancy Nancy
- 10 Goodbye Pork Pie Hat
- 11 Fragile
- 12 Nocturne*

* previously unreleased

Music personally selected by Rigmor Gustafsson, recorded between 1996 – 2010. Signature Edition produced by Rigmor Gustafsson. Executive Producer: Siggı Loch. Compilation mastered by Klaus Scheuermann in January 2011. Cover painting by Carl-Henrik Wigren, 2010.

ACT Signature Editions:

Nguyễn Lê Signature Edition (ACT 6004-2) / Ulf Wakenius Signature Edition (ACT 6005-2) / Lars Danielsson Signature Edition (ACT 6006-2) / Wolfgang Haffner Signature Edition (ACT 6007-2) / Viktoria Tolstoy Signature Edition (ACT 6008-2)

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