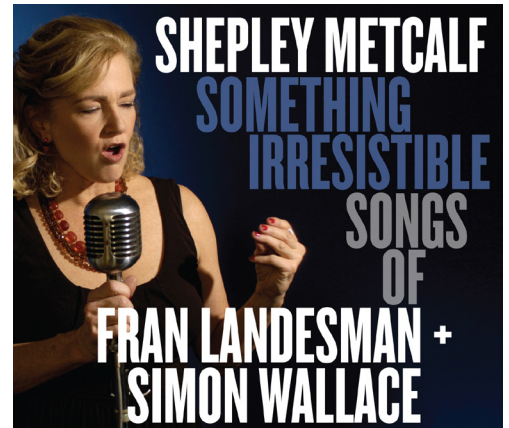


ALBUM REVIEWS

“On a mission to discover more songs penned by Fran Landesman, whose ‘Spring Can Really Hang You Up the Most’ she greatly admired, Shepley Metcalf’s detective work eventually led her to Landesman’s current collaborator, Simon Wallace. This turned out to be a most serendipitous turn of events, as Wallace just happened to be putting the final touches on the very first Landesman/Wallace songbook. A meeting at New York’s Café Carlyle, a handover of a freshly minted copy, and the result is this rather fine, exquisitely programmed 15-song collection, *Something Irresistible: The Songs of Fran Landesman + Simon Wallace*.



From the most heartfelt balladry (‘Save the Photographs’) to the breeziest of up-tempo songs (‘In A New York Minute’) to the sly humour of ‘Hyde Side Blues’ and ‘Did We Have Any Fun?’, these witty, urbane and touching songs exert a powerful hold. Metcalf’s central triptych of ‘Down’, ‘Scars’ and the salutary caught-with-your-pants-down tale of ‘Feet Do Your Stuff’ ... is outstanding.”

—**JAZZWISE** (UK’s best-selling jazz magazine)

★★★★ (EXCELLENT)

“Sly, ironic, witty, hip and humorous, Landesman’s songs – little known beyond ‘Spring Can Really Hang You Up the Most’ and ‘Ballad of the Sad Young Men’ – offer a trove of should-be standards that aren’t worn out. And Metcalf makes the most of these treasures with her horn-like alto and swinging attack.”

—**THE BOSTON HERALD**

“...lyricist Fran Landesman has not been resting on her laurels... she has a whole new songbook of urbane, literate, classic American songbook-type numbers of the type that don’t get written much anymore.”

—**THE BOSTON PHOENIX**

“Expressive singer Metcalf celebrates her fine new CD of these witty and engaging tunes.”

—**THE BOSTON GLOBE**