

"Heather Pierson is an amazing talent. Her gorgeous, rich vocals are filled with soul. She can mesmerize you on the piano, the guitar - even the melodica. She's as comfortable and adept with bluegrass as she is with jazz. With Heather, there is absolutely nothing not to like." -Al Kniola, 88.1 WVPE Public Radio

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Motherless Child

Release Date: November 25, 2014

Track Listing:

1. **Junkies (3:29)**
2. The Gumbo's Too Hot (3:17)
3. **Is You Is, Or Is You Ain't My Baby (3:47)**
4. **Dirty No-Gooder's Blues (4:18)**
5. Norwegian Wood (4:53)
6. I Loves You, Porgy (3:03)
7. **Good Girl Blues (3:23)**
8. Ain't Misbehavin' (2:53)
9. Motherless Child (6:37)
10. Peace (3:08)
11. **Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out (3:55)**
12. When You Wish Upon A Star (4:06)

Total running time: 47:06

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Multi-genre award-winning songwriter Heather Pierson's eighth CD release, *Motherless Child*, is a collection of inspired originals and renditions of blues and jazz standards that was recorded live in rural Maine on an 1898 Steinway Model A in front of an in-studio audience. In bringing a Dr.-John-meets-Dave-Brubeck sensibility to songs like "The Gumbo's Too Hot" and embodying the very meaning of heartache in her Nina Simone-infused renditions of classics like "I Loves You, Porgy" and the stunning title track, Heather's formidable talents as a vocalist, pianist, songwriter, arranger, and bandleader are on full display.

1. **Junkies** - Heather and her trio explain how a lover can be a very bad habit.
2. **The Gumbo's Too Hot** - the trio turns twelve-bar blues on its head.
3. **Is You Is, Or Is You Ain't My Baby** - a piano and bass duet of the Louis Jordan classic.
4. **Dirty No-Gooder's Blues** - Heather's take on Bessie Smith's cautionary tale, with guest tenor sax from Joe Aliperti.
5. **Norwegian Wood** - striking instrumental trio arrangement of the Beatles' classic.
6. **I Loves You, Porgy** - Heather takes on this Gershwin tale of yearning a la Nina Simone.
7. **Good Girl Blues** - New Orleans-inspired tale about love and loss with plenty of sass.
8. **Ain't Misbehavin'** - solo Heather arrangement of the Fats Waller standard.
9. **Motherless Child** - deeply emotional arrangement (including a new verse from Heather) of the slave-era spiritual.
10. **Peace** - bell-like solo piano rendition of Horace Silver's composition.
11. **Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out** - cool-jazz rendition of Jimmie Cox with a bit of ragtime flair.
12. **When You Wish Upon A Star** - Heather can't help but add a little swing to this solo piano rendition of the Disney gem.



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