

# Retro-jazz Vocalist Laura Ainsworth Honors Judy Garland With Her First Christmas Release

*Award-winning retro-jazz vocalist Laura Ainsworth celebrates the holiday release of her fourth studio album, "You Asked For It," and her first Christmas single.*

DALLAS, TEXAS, USA, December 12, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Award-winning retro jazz singer Laura Ainsworth ([www.lauraaainsworth.com](http://www.lauraaainsworth.com)) has become known worldwide for her warm, rich vocal style that's been compared to Julie London and Rosemary Clooney and for resurrecting long-forgotten songs and seldom-recorded lyrics.

So when XO Publicity, which is promoting her newly-released fourth album of new material, "[You Asked For It](#)," requested that she cut her first Christmas song for radio, she said, "I

needed exactly 0.000001 second to decide what it would be: my favorite Christmas song of all time, 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas!'" And of course, being such a musical archeologist, it had to be the original bittersweet lyrics sung by Judy Garland in the 1944 film "Meet Me in St. Louis" rather than the more common, happy lyrics made standard by Frank Sinatra.

Ms. Ainsworth said, "Besides being such a beautiful melody and touching lyric, the feeling of it reflects my personal idea of what I enjoy for this time of year, with the emphasis on 'together' and 'little.' I like little Christmases that don't get started at all (not even a hint) until after Thanksgiving and feature meaningful get-togethers with closest family and friends."

"I also love that this song looks ahead, too, to better times when we're not 'muddling through' quite so much. That hope is what I wish for everyone this year, and that's where I think we're



Retro jazz vocalist Laura Ainsworth, photo by Alan Mercer

headed.”

Ms. Ainsworth’s evocative rendition of the Christmas classic, with warm yet spare accompaniment by her pianist/producer Brian Piper and bassist Young Heo, is already receiving radio play from New York to Peru. It’s available on all major streaming and download platforms and an appropriately [minimalist video on YouTube](#) is quickly adding views and positive comments (One listener simply wrote, “Wow. Awesomely beautiful.”)

Her love of the Great American Songbook is in her DNA. As the daughter of big band sax and clarinet prodigy Billy Ainsworth, who quit college to join Tommy Dorsey’s Orchestra at 17, Ms. Ainsworth grew up in elegant showrooms, watching her dad back such legends as Ella Fitzgerald, Mel Torme and Tony Bennett. Bringing the romance, elegance, class and beauty of that experience into modern times became her mission.

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A brilliant interpreter of song...Laura Ainsworth is one of the most talented and entertaining vocalists – of any genre or era – on the music scene today.”

*Jazz critic Eric Harabadian*

She said, “While I was in the studio, I cut an alternate version of ‘Merry Little Christmas’ featuring the really original lyrics that Judy rejected as being too sad. I couldn’t get the rights to release it because it’s never been published. But I have a whole year to work on it. Stay tuned!”

For more information, visit [www.lauraainsworth.com](http://www.lauraainsworth.com).



Laura Ainsworth's new album of fan requests, "You Asked For It"

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Video of Laura Ainsworth's "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas"

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