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Fourteen Reasons to Enjoy Christmas Music Again

DALLAS—The CD title, *GREATER THAN THAT: THE BEST CHRISTMAS SONGS YOU NEVER HEARD*, makes it clear: relieved listeners will enjoy an array of new or little known holiday songs – 14 to be exact - not heard repeatedly through the years.

Critics in early reviews are citing their “top picks”. The delightful thing is: songs deemed favorites by one critic are often altogether different from those of the next.

Bernard Boyat, critic of *Cri du Coyote* publication in France finds 5 songs that are in his opinion “pearls”. They include country rock, “Elvis Has Been Sighted at the North Pole” (sung by Elvis contemporary, Joe Auenson), “Red Christmas” (sung by Jeanie Perkins) and “Christmastime in Texas” (sung by well-loved Texas artist, Sonny Burgess with Lantana). Boyat also lauds Warren Storm’s “My Favorite Christmas Story” and Perkins’ “Silent Night Without You” and remarks, “There is something for everybody” on *GREATER THAN THAT*.”

Coming from a different place musically and geographically, Ft. Worth-based Lori Allen, talk-show host of the FamilyNet-Sirius, “Mornings with Scott and Lorri”, is strongly inspired by “Greater Than That” sung by WT Greer (“The title song is destined to be a Christian Christmas classic for generations to come”) and “Give Myself Away” sung by Benita Arterberry Burns. And she finds “Christmas Time Again at Neiman Marcus” “tickles the funny bone” while providing a thought-provoking, underlying message.

National distributor, Harris Rea of Louisiana Red Hot Records declared, “*GREATER THAN THAT* has the potential to be a top selling independent Christmas release. It’s refreshing and uncommon to hear at least half of the new Christmas songs are sung by female artists...and such fine ones”. They include Broadway and cabaret star, Julie Johnson, two-time Kerrville Folk finalist, Jeanie Perkins, Oprah Pop Idol finalist, Annagrey Labasse and former Rounder artist, Miki Honeycutt.

With most reviews yet to arrive, more than half the songs on the CD have already been declared favorites. Won’t it be intriguing to see how many of these Christmas songs will “have a go” at attaining “favorite” status with the masses?

(CD available at TexolaRecords.com and CDBaby.com)

