

Ken Franckling's Jazz Notes

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CDs of Note...

Lili Añel, **Every Second in Between** (Wall-I Records)

This one has been exercising in my CD player for a week - and doesn't want to leave the musical gym. New York born and raised and now calling Philadelphia home, singer-songwriter-guitarist Lili Añel has been plying and perfecting her jazz- and folk-tinged craft for some 30 years. Her wisdom and experience are the foundation for her music, which revolve a lot around the concepts of independence, empowerment and roots - and her percussive approach to the guitar that she credits to her Black and Cuban heritage. The only tunes she didn't write in full are the ballad "So Far Away," co-written with her identical twin sister, Barbara Añel, and her cover of the Nina Simone-associated "That's All I want From You." Grammy-winning producer and engineer winner Glenn Barratt produced this gem. My favorites: all 11 tracks.

