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Lili Añel Releases 9th Recording, "You Have a Visitor"

Celebrating the 20th anniversary of her move to Philadelphia from New York City, where she was born and raised, critically acclaimed singer-songwriter-musician **Lili Añel** is releasing her ninth recording of original songs. Written during and since the pandemic, this recording marks both Añel's first foray as producer and with just a trio.

Her vision of a recording with a smaller group—consisting of Añel on guitar/vocals, Sam Nobles on bass and Jonathan W. Whitney on drums/percussion—comes alive on "You Have a Visitor," vividly depicting the stories, characters and emotions behind **its eight** songs. This pared-down, intimate approach is the perfect showcase for Añel's signature category-defying style, which travels across jazz, folk and roots. Lili explains: "I'd wanted to record more sparsely, bringing out and showcasing my songs as they were originally written with less arranging. There are no vocal overdubs or guest soloists; you hear the base of what my songs are usually born of, the anchor of rhythm in percussion and harmony and my singing."

"You Have a Visitor" finds Lili venturing out of her comfort zone, including the humorous spoken word "The Tale of Princess Cookie," a reprise to the jazzy, whimsical "Fairy Tales." The cinematic "Anymore" beautifully showcases Añel's unique, soulful voice. "Saw the Light" was born when Nobles improvised a memorable bass line as warm-up while percussionist Jonathan W. Whitney began to play along. Añel began to sing a line with lyrics on the spot, followed by some spokenword poetry. Lili says: "I was so glad Brendan hit 'record.' It was magic and creation all rolled into one."

You Have a Visitor will be released February 3, 2025 on all digital outlets including BandCamp.com.

"Think Joan Armatrading, Joni Mitchell and Nina Simone all rolled into one...blurs the lines between Jazz, Folk and intelligent Pop... strong and heartfelt." - Ken Franckling's Jazz Notes

"Her songs are consistently excellent" - Christopher Louden, JazzTimes

"Lili sounds like no one but herself; a rare gift in an industry of clones" – Brent Black, Bop-N-Jazz

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