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The Intention, The Blue

Kim Erickson

The Intention, The Blue begins with a gentle rainstorm. There is authentic rolling thunder as the shower moves into your ear-space, followed by the title track. Kim Erickson created this CD 25 years ago. I had the challenge of reviewing the CD then, and the renewed pleasure of listening to it again for this review. I confess: I have not listened to this music for several decades, and it is astonishing

to discover how fresh and honest and pleasurable it is to revisit. There are nine songs here, five of them original. The title song, "The Intention," is in itself worth purchasing or repurchasing this CD. That and Erickson's cover of Bob Russell and Duke Ellington's "Do Nothin' Til You Hear From Me," which is the sexy, sensual, languid blue part of the program. All of Erickson's trademark strengths are

present in this early CD: rich, layered harmonies, pushy and pointed lyrics, a vocal range with strength and depth. Originally recorded and produced by Sharon Burke in 1982, this edition was re-mastered from the original tapes by our local sound alchemist Danny Johnson. This is a classy, sassy, bluesy gem.

-Michael Sobota

