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High praise to Cayuga Vault for attracting terrific talent lately. This week we have Jenna Mammina to swoon over, an acclaimed jazz/pop vocalist whose Monterey Jazz Festival appearance had people chatting up her sensuous vocals. After an impressive debut of her CD, *Under the Influence*, Mammina's been hard at work, playing gigs here and there and having crowds line up to see her at jazz fests and the like. Her latest recording effort, *Meant to Be* is a welcoming and sultry effort that showcases her dreamy voice. It balances her wonderful talents with subtle yet effective instrumentation. "Running to Stand Still," "Dirty Work" and "A Love That Lasts" are considerable standouts. Part of Mammina's charm is, of course, her voice. But there's something underneath; something the listener picks up on; something genuine that feels like a friendly hand pressing against your heart. It's rare to find music that moves you; even more rare to discover a vocalist capable of intriguing you enough for a significant listening to. Mammina pulls it off. Good for her. Good for us.