

CD Review: "Don't Let A Good Thing Get Away"
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She writes in the liner notes: "I've always been drawn to great pairings of words and music – the kind that sound inevitable and conversational – and it has become my business to find these songs and sing them." Hixson does her homework and delivers something special and rare: a whole album of songs composed by Mickey Leonard ("The Yearling") including four premiere recordings. Leonard's lyricists could turn a phrase, and Hixson has the impeccable diction most singers only dream of; it's as if her voice has perfect penmanship. Her sound is clear, wide-open, and as cool as satin sheets. She can swing, sing a love song, and tell the story each song holds: of desire, allure, empty-headed hubris, nostalgia, regret, lessons learned.