

## Featured Artist: Susan May

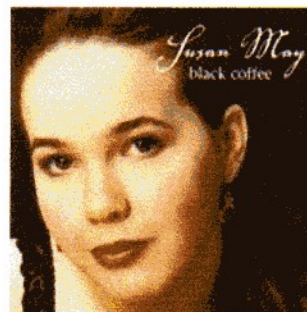
**CD Title:** Black Coffee

**Year:** 2005

**Record Label:** Southport

**Style:** Jazz Vocals

**Musicians:** Susan May (vocals), Bobby Schiff (piano), Scott Reed (guitar), Jim Cox (bass), Chris Clemente (electric bass), Bobby Lewis (trumpet, flugelhorn), Leon Joyce, Rick Vitek (drums)



### Review:

Susan May has a winner in this collection of straight ahead/classic jazz vocals. Her second CD from Southport, this one continues in the great American Song Book tradition.

There are eleven songs. The songs include "Love Me Or Leave Me," "With A Song In My Heart," "Black Coffee," "The Very Thought Of You," "The Best Things In Life Are Free," "Since I Fell For You," "A Ship Without A Sail," "Come Rain Or Come Shine," "The Sweetheart Tree," "Willow Weep For Me," and "I Will Wait For You."

Susan May has a voice that is both poignant and lyrical at the same instant. She can handle any song as reflected in these lovely songs. May shines in such songs as "The Sweetheart Tree" and "Come Rain Or Come Shine." May's handling of the song "Black Coffee" will delight listeners with its wise maturity of sound and intent, making it a memorable performance. Her voice will capture your listening attention immediately. This is a CD collection to be played often.

Bobby Schiff, the well-known pianist, composer, and arranger, has crafted the fine musical arrangements, and each one is a gem of jazz expression which highlights the magic of Susan May's extraordinary voice.

For those who enjoy flugelhorn, listen to what Bobby Lewis does with the instrument, and how he presents the melody. His work is superb.

Congratulations to Southport for bringing Susan May to the public. At age fourteen, Susan May is an already gifted artist, and her vocals will enchant you. Highly recommended.

**Tracks:** Love Me Or Leave Me, With A Song In My Heart, Black Coffee, The Very Thought Of You, The Best Things In Life Are Free, Since I Fell For You, A Ship Without A Sail, Come Rain Or Come Shine, The Sweetheart Tree, Willow Weep For Me, I Will Wait For You

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