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Music Review

“Underwood Uncurling”

Bassist-songwriter-singer Belinda Underwood is an up-and-coming young Portland area talent whose jazz album, “Underwood Uncurling”, a mix of standards and original compositions, was released in 2005. Underwood’s wistful voice is well-suited to the dreamy melodies that intertwine with sophisticated bass lines. Belinda also performs with her sister Melissa in the folk duet Beliss.

What caught our attention is Belinda’s musical tribute to her house rabbit, a beautiful Dwarf Hotot named Elvira. She believes Elvira may be the reincarnation of a beloved rabbit (also named Elvira) from her childhood. She noted uncanny similarities in their behavior and appearance. “Then one day I asked her if she WAS Elvira. She lifted her head, stopped chewing, looked at me and winked. This is something I have never seen her do before, or since. I have called her Elvira ever since. My ‘Elvira’ song is about my love for her



Belinda Underwood and rabbit-friend Elvira.

and my gratitude to her for coming back (and if there is no such thing as reincarnation, I am thankful for the symbolic reincarnation, since she serves the role of rabbit-friend that

I have missed.)” Elvira loves cuddles and pets, riding on Belinda’s shoulder and playing in her hair, and grooming Belinda. Apples are her favorite treat.

Learn more about Belinda and her music at www.belindaunderwood.com and www.belissmusic.com (where you can hear the “Elvira” song) and look for her live performances around town.

Movie Review

Wallace and Gromit: Curse of the Were-Rabbit

Rabbit lovers and rabbit rescuers will appreciate this film from Aardman Animation Studios. The feat of animating clay figures, frame-by-frame, for a full length film is breathtaking in itself, and spectacularly well-done. Add to that a superbly funny script, lovable characters, a dilemma we can all relate to (rabbit overpopulation) and a happy ending that will warm the heart of any rabbit rescuer. Now on DVD.

Photography

Animal Photos by Kem Sypher

Kem Sypher seems to have camera in hand at those magic moments when animals are doing something extraordinary. See his latest work at the mezzanine gallery of Healthy Pets Northwest, 2224 NE Alberta. Opening March 30; through April 25. Meet adoptable buns at the Rabbit Advocates outreach during the opening reception, evening of March 30th.

