



Davina & The Vagabonds

Davina Sowers (pianist and singer) will likely arrive at the Bayfront Blues Fest with a CD hot off the press this year. *Under Lock and Key* is expected to be released the second week of August and I'm sure fans at the

Blues Fest will be dying to take it home with them. *Songs From Thomas Avenue*, her hit CD from two years ago, sold out at the last couple of Blues Festivals. Sowers is a classically trained pianist, originally from Florida, who now calls Minnesota her home. With years of experience in piano performance, she can belt it out with the grit of Joplin or bring down the house with melodic phrasing that reminds one of Bonnie Raitt. Sowers says she grew up listening to jazz standards on her father's old Victrola record player. "The rasp and the tonal quality put a twisted edge on those standards," she says. She earned her music degree in music composition and has since shared the stage with Little Feat, Buddy Guy, Elvin Bishop, The Lamont Cranston Band, and The Blues Brothers, among others. She performs here in Duluth with The Vagabonds Michael Carvale (standup and electric Bass), Brian "Zoot" Simonds (saxophone), John Lund (drums & vocals), and Zack Lozier (trumpet). See the sizzling Sowers at 11:05 on Saturday, radiating from the Minnesota State Lottery Stage. Also look for her at Grandma's Sports Garden on Thursday, at the Greysolon on Saturday, and Club Saratoga on Sunday after the Bayfront Park closes down.