



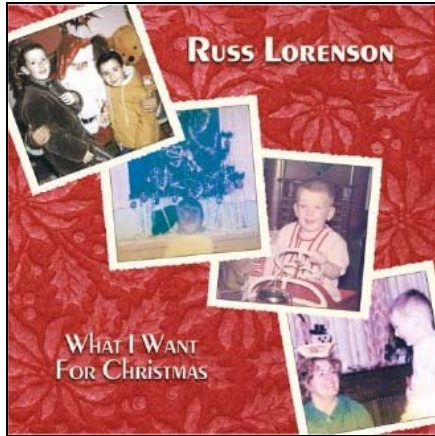
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## Russ Lorenson What I Want for Christmas

## Our Review

Summary: *Cool cabaret vocalist and jazz ensemble*



Label: LML Music  
Length: 42 minutes  
Genre: Cabaret  
Release: 2006

### Track List

Song Title
My Favorite Time Of Year
I Guess There Ain't No Santa Claus
Christmas Waltz
If I Hear Another Song About Christmas
I'll Be Home For Christmas
That's What I Want For Christmas
Medley: Looks Like a Cold, Cold Winter   Little Jack Frost, Get Lost   I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm   Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!
My Grown-Up Christmas List
Snow
What Are You Doing New Year's Eve?
Christmas In San Francisco (special bonus track)

With Halloween behind us and the Christmas season in full swing, the only thing we don't have here in central Texas is enough chilly air to make me believe Santa Claus time is just around the corner. We also have had a dry spell in these parts, with little in the way of new Christmas music for several weeks. So, expecting to get stiffed again today, I was overjoyed to find Russ Lorenson's **What I Want For Christmas** in the mailbox. It blew in like a blue norther, changing the atmosphere from warm to cool in an instant.

Russ Lorenson's silky-smooth cabaret vocals put me in mind of cooler weather almost immediately. With such easy listening favorites as *My Favorite Time Of Year* and *I'll Be Home For Christmas* leading the way, Lorenson and his band put me in mind of clear, cold nights of times spent in cooler climes. Indeed, cool is the word for this piano (Kelly Park) and saxophone (Tony Malfatti) laden sound, a sound which recalls Bing Crosby's pleasant crooning. Not surprisingly, Lorenson's quartet with guest vocalists Terese Genecco, Kristopher McDowell, and Alexandra Kaprelian was *Snow*, popularized in the movie **White Christmas**. This was a wonderful track, but remembering the story of **White Christmas** only served to remind me of how difficult it is to achieve holiday takeoff speed when the weather just won't cooperate. But a central Texan can dream, can't he? And this season, I have **What I Want For Christmas** to help me.

Cabaret and easy listening fans will want to take note of this great new release, along with anyone looking to take up the pipe and the cardigan and get in the mood for the season. That's what I want for Christmas.

--Richard Banks  
(Reviewed in 2006)

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From the liner notes:

Russ Lorenson: vocals  
Kelly Park: piano  
Reid Whatley: bass  
Adam Goodhue: drums  
Tony Malfatti: saxophone, clarinet, flute  
Jeff McNish: guitar  
Terese Genecco, Kristopher McDowell, Alexandra Kaprelian: guest vocals on *Snow*

**Executive Producer: Russ Lorenson**  
**Executive Producer for LML Music: Lee Lessack**  
**Producer: Kelly Park**

**Engineered and Mastered by: Mitch Park at Mitch Park Productions**

**All tracks recorded at Mitch Park Productions, San Leandro, CA**  
**All tracks recorded in May, 2006**

**Art direction and package design: Doug Haverty for Art + Soul Design**

**All musical arrangements by Kelly Park, except where noted**