



## Esperanza Spalding Releases "Radio Music Society" On March 20

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On March 20th, 2012, Heads Up International, a division of Concord Music Group, gives us [Esperanza Spalding](#)'s latest release, *Radio Music Society*, her most diverse, ambitious and masterful recital yet. Each of the 12 songs are accompanied by conceptual music videos, which further express Esperanza's inspiration and story behind each track. Shot in various locations including New York City; Barcelona, Spain; and Portland, Oregon; all videos will be available to purchasers of *Radio Music Society* as a digital download or a DVD on the deluxe version.



*Radio Music Society* is a companion, rather than a sequel, to Spalding's previous disc, which reached No. 1 on the Billboard Contemporary Jazz Chart. "Originally I thought it would be fun to release a double album," she explains, "One disc with an intimate, subtle exploration of chamber works and a second one in which jazz musicians explore song forms and melodies that are formatted more along the lines of what we would categorize as "pop songs."

In addition to longtime partners [Joe Lovano](#), keyboard player Leo Genovese and drummer [Terri Lyne Carrington](#), Spalding is joined by jazz legends [Jack DeJohnette](#) and [Billy Hart](#); guitar heroes [Jef Lee Johnson](#) and [Lionel Loueke](#); an array of master vocalists including Algebra Blessett, Lalah Hathaway, {Gretchen Parlato}, [Leni Stern](#) and [Becca Stevens](#); hip-hop giant Q-Tip (who performs on and co-produced two tracks); and two Portland-based musicians, Janice Scroggins and Dr. Thara Memory, who provided essential mentorship in Spalding's youth.

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