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**Valentines Vocals**

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“ Singer and pianist Alexis Cole does many things well, including up-tempo numbers and scat solos, but what she does best is slow sultry numbers, both standards and blues, of the sort that can't help but inspire couples to get in the mood on Valentine's Day. The romanticism is heightened to an extreme on her latest album, "Close Your Eyes," a set of subtly swinging and seductive standards, in which she even somehow makes "Small Fry" sound erotic... One of the busier young singers, recording-wise, Ms. Cole (who is currently an active Staff Sergeant in the United States Army and vocalist with the West Point Band's Jazz Knights), has at least two other very different concept albums that it's easy to recommend, "I Carry Your Heart," a set of new songs based on the jazz compositions of the brilliant baritone saxophonist Pepper Adams, and "Someday My Prince Will Come," which is as sultry as the Disney songbook is ever going to get. ”