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## Judith de los Santos Named January “Best Vocalist” With Her Song “I Can’t Make It Rain”

By Dale Kawashima

Judith de los Santos, a promising pop/rock singer & songwriter based in Los Angeles, CA, has won the January SingerUniverse “Best Vocalist Of The Month” Competition, for her performance of her song, “I Can’t Make It Rain.” This song is featured on her upcoming, 10-song CD *All Of The Above*, which she will be releasing independently this February.

“I Can’t Make it Rain” is a graceful, acoustic/pop ballad, and it’s an excellent showcase for De los Santos’ rich, expressive vocals. Her vocals are reminiscent of Paula Cole’s style, with a bit of the soulful flavor of Tracy Chapman. De los Santos adeptly produced this recording, with the help of her musician friends at the Berklee College Of Music (in Boston, MA), where she recently graduated with a dual major in Music Production & Engineering and Film Scoring.



Judith de los Santos

De Los Santos was born and raised in Monterrey, Mexico, and where she grew up in a close-knit, musical environment. Her mother is a musician, who plays classical and jazz/ragtime. When she was 8, De los Santos began playing piano, and in her teens, she learned to play guitar (including electric guitar) and started writing songs. Some of her early influences were Billy Joel and the Beatles, and later on she was inspired by Dolores O’Riordan of the Cranberries, and Nirvana.

When she was a high school senior, De los Santos entered a renowned

music competition called the Festival De La Canciones, and she won her regional event (for the state of Nuevo Leon). Winning this competition helped confirm her musical talent, which led to her applying and being accepted to the Berklee College Of Music. "At Berklee, I originally thought of myself as a writer/producer," she explained. "I studied production, engineering, and film scoring, and I focused on my writing. But when I would play my songs for people, they would tell me how much they liked my singing."

During her final semester at Berklee (early in 2005), she formed a band with some of her Berklee schoolmates, and she recorded the 10 songs for her debut CD, *All Of The Above*. The album is a varied collection, consisting of heavier rock cuts, in addition to her more acoustic/AC songs. De los Santos plays piano, guitar, plus lead and background vocals.



Judith de los Santos performing live.

Upon graduation, she moved to Los Angeles to pursue her music career.

"I've been playing live in L.A. as a duo (with keyboardist Jane Lamb), and I'm starting to put a full band together. I'm also looking to co-write with other people. I've also done some film scoring, mostly on indie film projects."

With her emergence as a singer and artist, plus her skills as a writer/producer/composer, De los Santos has the versatility to potentially succeed either as a performer, or in a more behind-the-scenes, musician/writer capacity.

## Top Five Vocalists Of The Month

Here are the Top Five Vocal Performances which were submitted for this month's competition, with the songwriter credits, plus their e-mail and website links.

### "Best Vocalist Of The Month" Winner

**"I Can't Make It Rain"**. Performed and written by Judith de los Santos of Los Angeles, CA.

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**"Cool And Graceful"** (AAA/pop). Performed and written by Jason Quicksall of Columbus, OH.

**E-mail:** [microwave\\_life@hotmail.com](mailto:microwave_life@hotmail.com)

**Website:** [www.jasonquicksall.com](http://www.jasonquicksall.com)

**"All I Know"** (pop/acoustic). Performed and written by Jerad Finck of Spokane, WA.

**E-mail:** [jeradcurtisfinck@hotmail.com](mailto:jeradcurtisfinck@hotmail.com)

**Website:** [www.thelastwordband.com](http://www.thelastwordband.com)

**"Gimme All Your Lovin'"** (pop). Performed by Salome of Los Angeles, CA. Written by John Defaria.

**E-mail:** [salomegasviani@hotmail.com](mailto:salomegasviani@hotmail.com)

**Website:** [www.salomemusic.com](http://www.salomemusic.com)

**"The Look Of Love"** (AC/pop). Performed by Jennifer Springer of Fort Wayne, IN. Written by Burt Bacharach & Hal David.

**E-mail:** [jsspringer@verizon.net](mailto:jsspringer@verizon.net)

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