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BRIA SKONBERG
RELEASES *WITH A TWIST ... IN EVERY SENSE*

**VOCALIST AND TRUMPETER MIXES IT UP
ON HER NEW OKEH RECORDS ALBUM**

Skonberg Shakes and Stirs A Fresh Batch of Golden Standards, Surprises and Originals

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The euphoric buzz of New York, over cocktails on the edge of evening, alive with possibilities... anything goes.

Vocalist, trumpeter and songwriter **Bria Skonberg** re-imagines it all on her new **Okeh/Masterworks** album, [*With a Twist*](#). Coming off a recent Juno Award (Canada's version of The Grammys) for her first Okeh collection, *Bria*, Skonberg spins her cool and confident vocal style---and her sleek and timeless jazz chops---into a program that playfully nods to tradition while always looking ahead. *With a Twist* is available May 19th, 2017.

Of the mood she was going after on *With a Twist* Skonberg says: "The inspiration was love and adventure, and the many twists and turns and tunnels you can get into. It's a little about my time in New York, a little bit of cocktail culture. The musical inspiration was a modern-day Esquivel, Perez Prado, maybe some Spike Jones. It's just important to me to put some love and positivity out into the world right now."

With a Twist reunites Skonberg with producer **Matt Pierson**, whom she credits with helping her realize the album's concept. The album features 5-time Grammy winner **Gil Goldstein** (who arranged six of the tracks and plays keyboards and accordion), **Sullivan Fortner** (piano), **Scott Colley** (bass), **Matt Wilson** (drums).

More than romantic fantasy is casting the spell on *With a Twist*. Skonberg deftly pays tribute throughout the album to some great singers who influenced her. The opening track, “My Baby Just Cares for Me,” offers a deep bow to **Nina Simone**. “Alright, Okay, You Win” (arranged here with “Soul Bossa Nova” – a **Quincy Jones** tune) summons the cool of **Peggy Lee**. “It’s Oh So Quiet” is **Björk’s** memorable twist of a song **Betty Hutton** first sang in the early 1950s; Skonberg says she has loved it since hearing the Björk recording in her car as a high school student in Chilliwack, British Columbia.

Also included is “High Hat, Trumpet, and Rhythm,” a hot tune by **Valaida Snow**, the American jazz singer and trumpeter who became a worldwide sensation in the 1920s and 1930s. Fresh takes on “Cocktails for Two” (with a hint of Spike Jones’s antic style); “Whatever Lola Wants” from *Damn Yankees*; and “Back in Your Own Back Yard” (a 1920s-vintage favorite of singers as diverse as **Al Jolson** and **Billie Holliday**) round out the golden-age standards.

Two more recent songs – **Leonard Cohen’s** “Dance Me to the End of Love” and an instrumental version of **Ed Sheeran’s** “Thinking Out Loud” – show that Skonberg, for a seasoned jazz baby, has a way with the music of her time. The wistful reflection and melancholy of “Dance Me to the End of Love” offers her a chance to remember the late Cohen, a fellow Canadian.

Skonberg’s three originals on *With a Twist* represent a little odyssey of songwriting – “Same Kind of Crazy,” written in Nashville with **Jeff Cohen**, and “How I Know,” written in Los Angeles with **Sam Hollander**. Of the album’s final track, “Time to Go,” she says simply, “I made that one up, and I wanted it on the album.” Fun fact about “Time to Go”: “The little lick in the intro and outro belong to a song by **Dizzy Gillespie** called ‘Dizzy Atmosphere,’” Skonberg notes. “The sentiment of that song lines up with the theme of this album – and Dizzy would’ve been 100 this year!”

Hailed by *The Wall Street Journal* as one of the “most versatile and imposing musicians of her generation,” Bria Skonberg was recognized last summer as one of “25 for the Future” by *DownBeat* magazine and *Vanity Fair* cited her as a Millennial “Shaking Up the Jazz World.” Skonberg is a self-described “small town girl” from Chilliwack, British Columbia, who hightailed it to Vancouver straight out of high school and earned a degree in Jazz Trumpet Performance. To date, she has performed at some 100 festivals worldwide. She is the co-founder of the New York Hot Jazz Camp and New York Hot Jazz Festival. Further accolades include her recent 2017 Juno win for Vocal Jazz Album of The Year for *Bria*, Best Vocal and Best Trumpet awards from *Hot House Jazz Magazine* (2014-15), Outstanding Jazz Artist at the New York Bistro Awards (2014), *DownBeat* Rising Star (2013-15), and a nominee for Jazz Journalists’ Association Up and Coming Artist (2013).

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Bria Skonberg: *With a Twist* Tracklisting

1	My Baby Just Cares for Me	8	How I Know *
2	Sway	9	High Hat, Trumpet, and Rhythm
3	Alright, Okay, You Win	10	Back in Your Own Back Yard
4	Cocktails for Two	11	Same Kind of Crazy *
5	Whatever Lola Wants	12	Thinking Out Loud
6	Dance Me to the End of Love	13	Time to Go *
7	It’s Oh So Quiet		

* Original Song

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