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Amy Cervini, Hilary Gardner & Melissa Stylianou

“Three fine singers – Amy Cervini, Hilary Gardner and Melissa Stylianou – join in swinging harmony to whip up music that traffics in delight. Referencing vocal icons from Peggy Lee to the Boswell Sisters, this fresh-voiced triumvirate plays it straight from the heart, leaving any trace of camp or postmodern irony at the door.” — The New Yorker

A trio of vocal entertainers blending the classic and the contemporary, Duchess has charmed audiences far and wide with its beautiful musicianship and big fun at the group’s shows of “girl-on-girl harmony,” as the three so saucily put it. Or as the *Wall Street Journal* said: “They understand that swinging music goes hand in hand with an audacious sense of humor.” The New York-based threesome of Amy Cervini, Hilary Gardner and Melissa Stylianou channel the inspiration of vintage jazz vocal trios into an entertaining package that’s utterly up-to-date, marked as it is by evergreen swing, sweet-toned harmonies and a stage presence that has proved irresistible to audiences from coast to coast, as well as across Canada and even in Israel. *DownBeat* dubbed the trio “a beacon of jovial esprit,” while *New York City Jazz Record* praised Duchess’s live performances for their “spot-on harmonies,” the singers “phrasing seamlessly like a big-band horn section.” Anzic Records will release the trio’s second album, *Laughing at Life*, on Feb. 10, 2017, of which *Downbeat Magazine* said: “For a good time, call Duchess.”