

## INDIE SCENE

## JANINE WILSON

**Wakin' Up**

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With her third album, Janine Wilson presents a study in contradictions. Her first set of original material finds her savvy but sensitive, questioning the motives of wandering lovers and her own ability to find a willing mate. Wilson's never weepy; her ability to transform anguish and uncertainty into a sultry, assertive attitude rescues her from the trap of self-pity. The arrangements are forceful and assured, but it's the songs themselves—"It Should Be Me," the riveting "Just Kiss Her," the driving "Not for Real" and the cool come-on of "Kiss You at Hello"—that attest to her power and conviction. Wilson makes her hooks resonate, giving *Wakin' Up* a sense of rousing affirmation.

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