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### **Dawn Clement Announces Release of “Tempest Cobalt”** *Seattle jazz pianist introduces new band for project.*

SEATTLE, WA- After establishing herself as one of the Northwest’s premiere jazz artists, Dawn Clement expands into contemporary pop with the release of her new CD “Tempest Cobalt.” This is the fourth recording for the Seattle-based pianist and vocalist and marks her debut as an up and coming songwriter.

“Tempest Cobalt” is a melodic narrative that tenderly reflects on themes such as passages, struggle, redemption and love. Ethereal vocals, delicate tension and elegant harmonies create a dreamy intimacy and the lyrics, with references to nature, color and light, evoke a sense of spacious optimism. Half of the songs in this ten-track collection feature a solo Clement on voice and piano. The other half includes Charlie Smith on bass and keyboards and Lena Simon on drums, guitar, clarinet and vocals. Smith also served as producer for the recording.

In support of the release, Clement has formed *Tempest*, a spirited modern music collective that includes Johnaye Kendrick, Ryan Burns, Issac Castillo and Jacques Willis. Building on Clement’s adventurous compositions, the exquisitely synergetic ensemble takes a playful improvisational approach, opening up the songs for new and lively interpretations. Smith describes the band’s sound as “Ahmad Jamal playing duets with Blossom Dearie, except they’re in modern-day Brooklyn having drinks with Dirty Projectors and Sufjan Stevens.” *Tempest* will be performing at the Royal Room on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Details TBA.

“Tempest Cobalt” is available for purchase at CDBaby.com. For more information, please visit: <http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/dawnclement1>. It is also available through iTunes: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/tempest-cobalt/>

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Northwest pianist/composer/vocalist Dawn Clement has established herself as one of the most sought after jazz musicians working today. With her joyful approach, masterful technique and original sound, Clement has gained the attention and respect of musicians and critics on both coasts. Her musical resume includes performances and collaborations with notable musicians such as Julien Priester, Pharaoh Sanders, Jane Ira Bloom, Nancy King, Ingrid Jensen, John Clayton and Hadley Caliman to name just a few. She has played at prestigious clubs and concert halls in both the US and abroad, including Carnegie Hall in New York City, Yoshi's in San Francisco, Jazz Alley and Town Hall in Seattle and Le Conservatoire Superieur in Paris, and has appeared on numerous recordings, including four of her own. Dawn is currently a member of the jazz faculty at Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle, WA. For more information, please visit <http://www.dawnclement.com>.