

Corrina Rose Logston, *Bluegrass Fiddler*

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Have you heard Corrina Rose Logston? After rolling through her *Bluegrass Fiddler*, my only regret was that I didn't have my hands on it sooner. Her 14-track effort might arguably be the best fiddle album of 2016. Logston won't be flying under the radar long. After filling in on one date with Jesse McReynolds, she now plays fiddle for him on the Grand Ole Opry every week.

“Laughing Boy” kicks the album off with a “wow” and perfectly matched banjo from Kurt Stephenson. This piece sets the tone for the entire CD, one that conjures up thoughts of the old masters with some spice, showing that Logston knows the past but isn't restrained by it. She authored two of the pieces, “Sandridge” and “Honeycat Hornpipe,” which are both joys. As the listener settles into the instrumental work enhanced by guitarist Jeremy Stephens, mandolinists Casey Campbell and David McLaughlin, and bass player P.J. George, a couple of surprises pop up. Logston's turn on the old Cowboy Copas tune “I Don't Blame You” dazzles, and later she drops a hot spin on the old Carter Family classic, “Foggy Mountain Top.”

This is a must have for any bluegrass or fiddle collection, and this young lady has set a high bar for any follow-up projects.

— *Michael K. Brantley*