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Sexy Indie Recording Artist, Wayna Wondwossen Pins Grammy Nomination for Smashing Remake of Minnie Riperton's Loving You

Wayna Nominated for Best Urban/Alternative Performance – 51st Annual Grammy Awards 2009

LOS ANGELES, CA (January 2009) Emerging from the underground scene with incredible velocity, Neo-Soul recording artist, Wayna Wondwossen rakes up a Grammy nomination for her incredible remake of the chart topping 1970s hit Lovin' You, by the beloved Minnie Riperton. Wayna's tune "Lovin' U (Music)" features Kokayi from Higher Ground.

The curvaceous and beautiful singer/songwriter Wayna coined for her fusion of soul, Jazz, Rhythm & Blues finds her place in Grammy history, as the Recording Academy broadens its acknowledgment to include the most diverse group of categories than ever before; including the Best Urban/Alternative Performance Categories, for which she has earned recognition.

Wayna's budding notoriety and Grammy selection makes perfectly clear the changed face of the music industry. Pushing her own weight, and unsigned by a major label, Wayna has gained coveted acceptance from music's top elite with indie label Quiet Power Productions. "Indeed, the nomination is a testament to the power of CD Baby and iTunes." Said Wayna from her South Africa hotel room where she received news of the nomination.

Her success is proof of the power of new media and the internet. She's incredible, said Stevie Wonder, after their meeting at the Temple Bar in Los Angeles, a meeting that would propel them into a great friendship. Fittingly, Wonder produced the original version of Lovin' You by Minnie Riperton.

Wayna, whose parents immigrated from Ethiopia, fell in love with music and singing when she was just a toddler. But it wasn't until after a successful stint in Washington at the White House, where she was a Writer in the Office of Letters and Messages and wrote on behalf of President Bill Clinton, that she put her music career in full throttle. Letting her passion for music guide her through the journey that has earned this incredible accomplishment and respect for Independent artists everywhere.

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