

JOHNS HOPKINS

JUNE 2002

MAGAZINE

"Strong" Response to Debut CD

Angela Revis Taylor (Peabody '93, '94, '97) had a good year. Her 2001 debut album, *Songs for Strong Girls*, was named one of the year's best albums by the editor of *Music Monthly* and the magazine's readers named her best regional vocalist. In addition, Baltimore's *City Paper* awarded her a spot in their annual Best of Baltimore issue. She was also a finalist in both the Lilith Fair Talent Search and an IMX Discovery Contest.

Taylor earned all this acclaim for a CD published under her own label, with help from Peabody in the form of a small grant. Taylor, who double-majored in flute and recording engineering at Peabody, with a minor in voice, composed all the tracks on the "alternapop" album herself. "My biggest influences are probably Sheryl Crow and Fiona Apple," she says.

After spending four intense months in production, Taylor is now learning that the really steep part of the road to success comes after the album is released. "I'm on the phone and the computer 12 hours a day," she says,



of her efforts to get her music played on the radio and elsewhere. In recent months she's aimed at getting exposure for her music on television and in films. So far, all of the tracks from *Songs for Strong Girls* have been featured on cable TV's Food Network.

—Emily Richards

Johns Hopkins Magazine circulates to over 120,000 readers worldwide. Taylor is a Hopkins alumna, graduating from the Peabody Conservatory division.

For additional info / booking call 800.918.5609 or visit www.angela-taylor.com