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CD Review Double Talkin' Jive: A Hard Rock Tribute

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For some reason, I have always been attracted to cover songs. I am not sure if it is just the uniqueness of hearing someone add their own signature to a familiar song or or what. Anyway I thought it would be fun to take a look at a tribute album of cover songs originally performed by one of the biggest hard rock acts from the mid 80s to mid 90s. Double Talkin' Jive is a hard rock tribute to Guns And Roses. The album itself includes 12 tracks although the release includes 2 bonus cd samplers, "Surf Rock vol. 1" and "Surf Rock vol. 2."



The CD kicks off with a cover of Welcome to the Jungle. Although it was well

done, it was basically a cookie cutter of the Gn'R version. The next two tracks were just ok, nothing spectacular but not bad either. By the time the album gets to track 4, which is the song Locomotive, t started to pick up a bit. Urban Preacher added their own flavor to the song which is the way I like my tribute albums to behave. The trend carried forward to my personal favorite Gn'R song, November Rain, which was very nicely covered by Rose Reiter. I disliked both Outta Get Me and Dust N' Bones but the album recoverd quite nicely with a really nice cover of Don't Cry. The album finishes out with some more decent tracks, the most noteworthy being an acoustic version of You're Crazy by Katet.

Overall it was a decent Tribute album that you can pop in and play without programming the player to skip a lot of songs. There were a few songs that really stood out as the best of the offering and really only 2 tracks which I disliked and would not listen to again. Worth noting is that 2 former Guns and Roses members do show up on it, Traci Guns and Gilby Clark who both perform on I Used to Love Her.

Listening to the bonus samplers I quickly noticed that the songs included were all cut off at the 1:40 mark, so there were no complete tracks. Most of the songs were ok but didn't really grab my attention, pretty much just background music. I did like the group Puritan Rodeo, who have a Squirrel Nut Zipper sound to them. To me they were the group that stood out the most on both samplers.

If you are a Guns and Roses fan and see this for a decent price, go ahead and pick it up, its a decent cd to add to the collection.

Tracks: 1.Welcome to the Jungle 2.I Used to Love Her 3.14 Years 4.Locomotive 5.November Rain 6.Outta Get Me 7.Dust N' Bones 8.Don't Cry 9.My Michelle 10. Move to the City 11.You're Crazy (acoustic) 12.Double Talkin' Jive

Double Talkin' Jive: A Hard Rock Tribute to Guns N' Roses is available courtesy of MVD Distributors and Versailles Records beginning on August 8th, 2008.

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