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Band: **LULU ROMAN**

Album: At Last: A Collection Of Standards And Classics

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If you are looking for some new music, look no further than the recent release of Lulu Roman's latest album, "At Last: A Collection Of Standards And Classics." This is one of the best records that I have ever heard. At first, it was a little odd to hear that Lulu was recording an album that consisted of all remakes of older classics, but when the record started playing, there was no denying that she was right at home and made each one her very own. Most people remember her from the classic show, Hee Haw. Although she never really had the chance to let her voice shine on the show, she has recorded several albums, this one being the best by far. From the second it starts with "At Last," it is chilling. This tune will go down in history as one the best. Sure, it was an Etta James original, but this version gives it a run for its money. Lulu's voice blends perfectly with background music and proves that she is every bit as talented as everyone else that has recorded this track. Moving things right along with "You Needed Me," Lulu teamed up with none other than Linda Davis. Now, with that said, personally this didn't seem like a duet. It was Linda singing back up with Lulu, and the outcome was absolute perfection. Being a fan of the Anne Murray version, it seemed impossible that Lulu could pull this off. No one could ever beat the classic hit that touched so many. Well, that couldn't be farther from the truth. Lulu Roman wrapped this song up with the best vocals anyone has ever heard. After gaining my composure, hitting repeat was the only thing that came to mind. After listening to it several times, this quickly became an instant favorite and a true classic. Anyone who considers themselves a true fan of Country Music is familiar with the Cindy Walker classic, "You Don't Know Me." It has been recorded by countless artists, but only one has ever recorded it with the caliber of talent that Lulu did, and that was Willie Nelson. Personally, that's pretty good company

to be in. Two legends, one song. Perhaps a duet in the future wouldn't be a bad idea. Teaming up with Georgette Jones on "Til I Can Make It On My Own" was brilliant. Both of their voices blend like a fine wine and the outcome was incredible. Nothing like hearing a new version of an old Tammy Wynette song, especially when it is by such huge voices! Now, it wouldn't be right not to at least mention "Killing Me Softly" and "You Are So Beautiful," which was a duet with T. Graham Brown. Neither of these tunes have ever been personal favorites, but after hearing them on this record, they are now. Now, finally to the song that blew this entire project to a whole new level. With the help of her good friend, Dolly Parton, Lulu recorded "I Will Always Love You" as a duet. Adding even more charm to the song, they changed the format some and created a whole different version. It is amazing to hear and you will hit repeat several times for sure. Nothing beats a classic, and that's exactly what this record is. Lulu Roman is an icon in the entertainment world, and this album has just proved she is a legend. Check it out as soon as you can. You won't regret it.

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