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Schenker Barden Acoustic Project - Gypsy Lady (180 Gram vinyl)

The Schenker referred to here is guitarist [Michael Schenker](#), the long-ago member of [the Scorpions](#) and the namesake of the long-running Michael Schenker Group. Barden is Gary Barden, the singer who appeared on quite a few of the early MSG albums and then again last year on MSG's *In the Midst of Beauty*. Neither of these [guys](#) has ever attained the mega-success that many of their hard-rocking peers have and you probably wouldn't expect that to happen with an acoustic release. You would be correct. You know the part of a hard rock show where the main guys come out with just [acoustic guitars](#) and sing a quiet number? The part of the show where a few girls swoon but most everyone else heads to the restroom? That pretty much sums up the forgettable content of *Gypsy Lady*. Sure these guys are vets and the music is note-perfect but Schenker never really shows off his talent, choosing instead to stay reined-in with concise solos. Barden has had far more exciting outings too; he's at his best when pushed into an Axl Rose-like frenzy but these songs just don't allow for that. There is only one tune here that lives up to the potential that these guys have; "Can't Live on Love Alone." The song has a great hook with layered vocals and a female touch added by a backup singer named Pearl. A few more like that and this album would be worthy but as it stands this one is for very hard core Schenker (and Barden) fans only.

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