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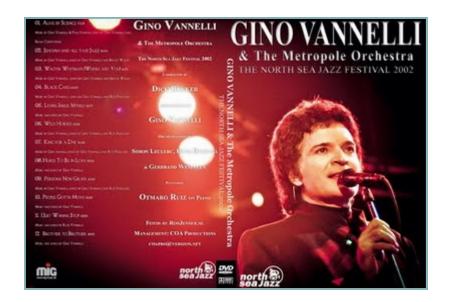
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## <u>DVD Review: Gino Vannelli & The Metropole Orchestra: The North Sea</u> <u>Jazz Festival 2002</u>

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Gino Vannelli is one of the best vocalists of the 70s. In this DVD "Gino Vannelli & The Metropole Orchestra: Live at The North Sea Jazz Festival," Gino truly shows he's still got the voice from the 70s. Gino was famous for his hit single "I Just Wanna Stop." This DVD features 12 songs from Gino's collection of songs.

Having worked with Gino's brother Ross before, I know Gino's talent very well. One thing about Gino's writing is its very complex and very groovy/jazzy. That same feel starts to show on the track "Jehovah and All That Jazz." Gino then shows his poetry with the song "Walter Whitman (Where Are You)."

Later on in the show, Gino relives some of his greatest hits including, the gorgeously orchestrated "Living Inside Myself," "People Gotta Move" and closing with, in my opinion, his best song, "Brother to Brother."

The feeling of Gino and the orchestra is indeed mutual. He has such a classically trained voice and excellent falsetto, that it seemed that the orchestra read him like a book start-to-finish. I was raised with Gino Vannelli growing up, and I think he is a great example of a vocalist who doesn't let their voices go over the years. Gino shows well, that he's kept is voice up perfectly.

The only disappointment with this DVD I have is that it is too short lasting only 75 minutes. I wish it could have been longer, and Gino could've gotten into deeper cuts like "Appaloosa," "Wheels of Life," "Santa Rosa" and "Fly Into This Night."

Overall, I would highly recommend this DVD to any fans of Gino's, and appreciate an artist's music performed with a great symphony orchestra like The Metrople Symphony Orchestra.

## **Reviewed by Kevin Pollack**

Rating: 4/5

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