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Record Review: Mitch Winehouse: Rush Of Love



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If you look up the meaning of the word “nepotism” the most common usage of the word would be ‘*favoritism granted to relatives or friends regardless of merit*’. A word commonly thrown around in the entertainment industry, most are in denial about it but it is refreshing to hear **Mitch Winehouse** get out in front of the accusations and admit it. Knowing he wouldn’t have had the chance to cut an album without the success of his daughter Amy, he figured why not take advantage of the opportunity in front of him and do it. The end result of those efforts is his debut release which is on record store shelves across Toronto; ***Mitch Winehouse: Rush Of Love***.

This could have very easily been a pseudo-celebrity musical vanity project filled with Sinatra and Dean Martin covers, but on the first note something became brilliantly clear. Amy gets her talent from her dad. Fitting that he opens the record with the track ***Please Be Kind*** originally recorded by Mildred Bailey in 1938 a nice little nod to the haters out there, but he doesn’t need to worry about that at all. With a Sinatrasque swagger he tears through a surprisingly eclectic jazz set showing off the musical roots that surrounded him as he grew up in East London.

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With a set of eclectic jazz songs that sound like standards, really aren't but Mitch Winehouse makes them his own. There are also four original compositions written by collaborator and producer Tony Hiller. Hiller has worked and recorded with the likes of Elton John and Matt Monro and the songs added fit Mitch Winehouse's smooth vocals like a custom made glove.

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More of an homage to jazz standards rather than a covers album, ***Mitch Winehouse: Rush Of Love*** is more than worth of a spot of your record shelf next to the works of Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett and others. One can only hope a Michael Buble would pick him to open up for him on tour, as I would buy a ticket to that show.

4 out of 5 stars.

Mitch Winehouse: Rush Of Love is available at record stores everywhere, for some of the finer ones across Toronto, click right [here](#). However I would try an online retailer like [seeofsound.com](#), to pick this record up.

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