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WILLMON, TRENT A Little More Livin' Sony BMG/ Arista

Trent Willmon and more so his label was smart enough to release a solid single in "On Again Tonight" to jumpstart this album in the mainstream, but what they got wrong was not letting people see the other side of Willmon which is really where he shines. The album kicks off with two pop/country driven tracks that I didn't expect from him. If you don't find yourself tapping along and screaming out the lyrics to "Good One Comin' On" and "So Am I," then you most likely won't like a majority of this album. With catchy songs like "Sometimes I Miss Ya" and the somewhat humorous "Surprise" you may find yourself comparing this a bit to Dierks Bentley. Now don't get me wrong, there are some wonderful lyrics on the slower paced songs. Obviously "On Again Tonight" has a strong and familiar lyric by now, but with tracks like "Love Don't Have To Be So Hard" anyone that has ever suffered a bad relationship will be wondering if Trent lived their lives and with "Island" you see the depths of standing by the one you love through anything and Willmon delivers it perfectly. Overall this is a solid album that has a bit of something for everyone. If you dig the pop/country there's some of that, if you are looking for great lyrics then look no further, and the voice is simply amazing. Just don't go into this looking for 11 "On Again Tonight's" and you will fall in love with this record just as I did. (JK)



WYNETTE, TAMMY Greatest Hits Live' MVD

To most of the newer wave of country listeners, Tammy Wynette is known for "Stand By Your Man" but there is so much more to her than just that one song. She has sold over 30 million albums for a reason and is considered a legend amongst the country stars. This DVD captures her in a 1981 performance from Orlando, FL where Wynette's personality and talent shines in this hour long performance that includes the hits like "Crying In The Rain," "Welcome to My World," "Divorce," and of course "Stand By Your Man." Her onstage relationship with the crowd is captured beautifully on this DVD as she tells great stories about her life on the farm and interacts with the crowd every chance she gets, not to mention she belts out her songs. This is a wonderful DVD that captures a legend doing what she does best and a perfect edition to a collection that wants to include the roots of country.

