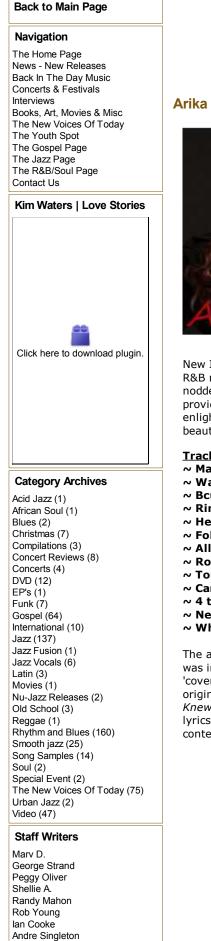
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Arika Kane



New Independent R&B artist Arika Kane sparkles the limelight with a few goodies in store for the R&B music seeker. Her debut project from BSE Recordings shares the stage of upbeat head nodders' with a number of slow ballad selections. With Lou Humphrey & Jasmon Jazz Joyner providing the inside scoop to the production dept., I found this disc enjoyable to hear as well as enlightened by a possible future in music for Ms. Kane. Nor over produced, or over sampled. A beautiful voice indeed.

Track Listing:

- ~ Make It
- ~ Watcha Waitin 4 ~ Bcuz I Luv U
- ~ Ring My Bell
- ~ Here With Me
- ~ Follow Me (Interlude)
- ~ All My Life
- ~ Rock Witcha
- ~ Tonight I'm Urs
- ~ Can't Be Without U
- ~ 4 the Lovers
- ~ Never Really Knew U
- ~ Why Did We Fall 'N Luv

The album is balanced with fast & slow tempo'd compositions. "Ring My Bell", the disco classic, was interpreted to follow into the footsteps of todays' generational dance studio mix. Another 'cover', "Rock Witcha'" - A Bobby Brown hit single, offers another stimulating difference from the original. The slower pace cuts, the mellow ones: "Here With Me", "All My Life", & "Never Really Knew U" opened up enough room for Arika to become more expressive vocally. Much of the lyrics were simple & practical, which should make the CD very vulnerable for the easy contemporary, adult R&B listening dept. on any given radio format.



The lead single *"Bcuz I Luv U"* is already generating exposure & feedback. Much of the music presented is served very well a la carte. Ms. Kane's attraction is admirable because she easily reminds me to the likes of hit recording artists Tamia, Deborah Cox, Toni Braxton just to name a few. And the sound progresses every time I hit the repeat or playback button.

And it's music that can crossover too. It has that pop appeal flexed somewhere in the mist of a few tracks. The whole CD may not get the complete rotation on most music dials/satellites all over the planet, but it's here in cyberspace. And that could simply be just the beginning. If you dig a nice, chilled out R&B, all out mid-romantic, mid-storytelling set of musical treats, this may the pick of the day for you.

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