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Grahams recommended music list.

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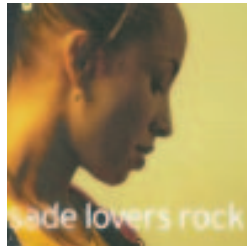
1. Jill Scott *Who is Jill Scott?*

Who is Jill Scott? A singer-songwriter from Philadelphia, discovered as a performance poet by Amir, (The Roots), with whom she wrote a song called 'You Got Me'. Recorded by The Roots and sung by Erykah Badu, this won a Grammy Award. Jill Scott's debut album, a mix of soul with jazz & hip-hop undertones, demonstrates she is a star in her own right: so good that it's on a par with Erykah Badu's debut album 'Baduizm'. A very funky album.



2. Goldfrapp *Felt Mountain*

Another impressive debut album (why are debut albums often the best?). This has Alison Goldfrapp, who has worked with Tricky & Orbital, on vocals and keyboards, with film composer Will Gregory on keyboards & string & brass arrangements. Hardly surprising then that this album sounds like a cross between Portishead & Ennio Morricone. Felt Mountain is described by Will Gregory as "an escapist leap from the real world". Enjoy this other-world experience.



3. Sade *Lovers Rock*

Sade Adu has been around so long that her earlier CDs have now been remastered. 'Diamond Life' came out in 1984; between that & 'Love Deluxe' (1992) Sade only made two albums. We've waited eight years for a new one, which makes Lovers Rock all the more welcome. With the same group as 'Diamond Life', she's co-written all the songs, all the lyrics and, with the band, produced, performed & arranged the album. A stylish, classy album from a genuine original.



4. Eva Cassidy *Time After Time*

Anyone hearing Eva Cassidy will be struck by the purity of her voice. Once heard, never forgotten. When we recommended 'Songbird' in our newsletter two years ago, the compilation was her only available recording. Now we can all delight in the original albums. These wonderful tracks, released 4 years after her untimely death, were selected by her parents and feature songs recorded both in the studio and live in concert. None have been released before.



5. John Hiatt *Crossing Muddy Waters*

Singer-songwriter guitarist John Hiatt is best known for his 1987 'Bring the Family' with Ry Cooder, Nick Lowe & Jim Keltner. Yet he still makes fine, if underrated, albums like this. Cut in 4 days, it's a mainly acoustic set with a down-home feel. Davey Faragher & David Immergluck support, playing bass, a variety of mandolins & guitars, with back-up vocals as well as foot-stomping. John Hiatt provides lead vocals & keeps the rhythm going on guitar.



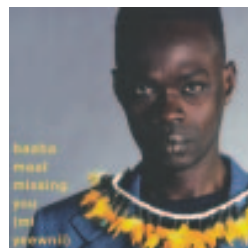
6. John Martyn *Solid Air*

If we need an excuse to feature one of our all-time favourite albums, it's the 24-Bit Mapped remastering of this 1973 release, under the original engineer, John Wood. The mix of folk, jazz & blues more than stands the test of time, featuring the superb Danny Thompson, double bass & Dave Mattacks, drums. It contains 'Solid Air', a tribute to his friend Nick Drake, as well as the gorgeous 'May You Never'. Also available (not remastered!) as a Simply Vinyl 180g LP.



7. Jimmy Smith *dot.com blues*

As titled, this is mainly a modern blues album, even though the legendary Hammond B3 organist has been making great jazz albums for 40 years! With guests such as Taj Mahal, B.B. King, Keb' Mo' and Dr John, whose albums we have recommended in previous newsletters, this album practically recommends itself. Add a superb band led by Russell Malone, Diana Krall's former guitarist, a great recording, and Jimmy Smith has rarely sounded better.



8. Baaba Maal *Missing You*

Missing You sees Baaba Maal return to his roots with an all acoustic set. The singer-songwriter from Senegal is joined by friend Mansour Seck, amongst others. The original sessions, made in the open air at night, used a mobile studio in Toubab Dialaw, Senegal. You can even hear the crickets clicking. Completed at Real World Studios in Wiltshire, the album was mixed by producer John Leckie at Real World and Abbey Road, hence the superb sound.

PRODUCT NEWS



KEF These latest speakers from Kef move them in to the home-cinema satellite speaker market. Comprising 5 small satellite speakers and a subwoofer with a built in 150 watt amplifier, they deliver great performance for the home-cinema enthusiast who doesn't want large boxes. They come with adjustable stands for horizontal or wall mounting, aluminium cabinets and are magnetically shielded. Amazingly this whole package is available for only £800.

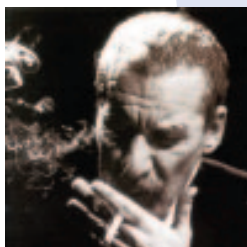


M&K have just released a new line of speakers, the "K" series, that provide big performance from small units. The K5 is the smallest model consisting of one tweeter and one woofer. The slightly larger K7 adds a second woofer for extended dynamic range. The small K9 subwoofer generates a surprising amount of bass from a sealed-box enclosure. Finally, the K4 tripole speaker that brings M&K's tripole technology at an affordable price. The speakers are priced at £175 (each) for the K5, £495 per pair for the K4, £275 (each) for the K7 and £595 for the K9. All are available for demonstration.

PRODUCT NEWS

Isobue 'The Stand' is a bold title to give to any new hi-fi table, but the combination of isolation qualities, integrity of build and great design earn this recognition. We have compared 'The Stand' with various other tables and have heard the sonic improvements achieved by the absence of any glue in the manufacture, combined with the solidity of the finished structure. Modular design means that 'The Stand' can grow with your system, making it a much more flexible proposition than fixed construction tables.

Finishes available at the moment include natural American Ash and Cherry, with more to follow.



9. Paolo Conte
The Best of Paolo Conte

If you want to see Paolo Conte in concert when he is in England book well in advance! Impossible to describe, a genuine original, Paolo Conte is a bandleader, writer, poet, singer and he sings in Italian, English and French! With marching piano and growling voice, he takes us through 20 of his best songs, from the sublime "Via Con Me", best known from the TV commercial, to the infectious "Happy Feet". A joyous album!



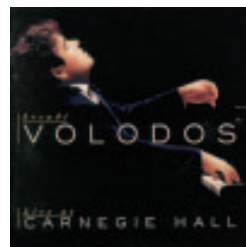
10. Tina May
Live In Paris

One of Britain's premiere jazz singers, Tina performed with the musicians on this CD when she studied in Paris. 15 years later she was invited back to sing at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Club, the first non-American to headline there. Here, in 1999, where Tina now performs annually, this CD was recorded, consisting of a mixture of standards & originals including 'One Fine Day', a song given to Tina by that great pianist, Ray Bryant.



11. The Hyperion Schubert Edition
A Selection

Described by Gramophone as "a voyage of discovery"; Graham Johnson planned the series (all 700 songs) & accompanied all the singers. It started in 1987 with Goethe and Schiller settings sung by Dame Janet Baker, continued through Vol 25, 'Die Schöne Müllerin' sung by Ian Bostridge & ended, in 1999, with Vol 37, 'Schwanengesang', with John Mark Ainsley & Anthony Rolfe Johnson. This comes from the first 27 volumes & contains 26 songs.



12. Arcadi Volodos
Live At Carnegie Hall

Born in 1972, Volodos' self-titled first recording was acclaimed in 1996. His Carnegie Hall recital debut, recorded 1998, confirms his place as one of the world's leading pianists. It showcases his full range of skills, from the pyrotechnics of Liszt's 'Hungarian Rhapsody', described as "after Vladimir Horowitz"; to the delicate interpretation of Schumann's 'Bunte Blätter'. This 24-Bit recording won Gramophone's award for Best Instrumental Recording in 1999.

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