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Television

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Chus & Ceballos

Back 2 Back

www.Stereo-Productions.com

Spanish DJing duo Chus & Ceballos (Chus Esteban and J. Pablo Ceballos) deliver modern house dubbed "Iberican" which I'm guessing is the eclectic and lush Ibiza chilled shake and bake grooves combined with post-modern tech touches and American studio producer caressing. This 2CD mixed compilation lets each DJ loose and provides a well rounded house tour visiting every bedroom on the way. My picks: Luca Ricci's "Musica vs El Dinero" featuring Monica Hernandez, Anton Fielding & Tiny Sticks's "Afro Punk'd," Richie Santana's "After Hours," Moth's "Himalaya," Mad8 Vs Shawn Christopher's "Deep Sleepless Night (Andrea Doria mix)," DJ Chus' "World Routes (London 909 remix)," Little Green men's "Through With You (Chus & Ceballos remix)" and Angel Lopez's "The First Rebirth."

David Russell

Renaissance Favorites For Guitar

www.Telarc.com

Grammy-winning classical guitarist David Russell explores the romantic and playful artistry of composers from 400 years ago that still delight the senses and invoke the spirits of high society camp and the courts that plied their favors. My picks: "22 Diferencias De Conde Claros," "The Woods So Wild," "Lost Is My Liberty," "Lachrimae (Pavan)," "Ricerca III," "Saltarello De La Preditta" and "Piva."

Jenna Drey

One Step Further

www.JennaDrey.com

South Beach, Florida singer-songwriter Jenna Drey won a pile of songwriting competitions including a few international ones and could be looking for a few Madonna-like miracles by delivering original and polished dance pop songs and some touchstone ballads all with her driven and focused three-octave voice. My picks: "We're All Alone," "Don't Wanna Cry Anymore," "All Out Of Love," "Impossibility," "Thousand Times A Day," "Why Should I Believe You (Churko Mix)" and "One Step Further (Rockin' Mix)."

Marvin Gaye

The Real Thing www.ReelinInTheYears.com

Weaving together archival footage, concert excerpts, live and staged performances with interviews



including the sun-kissed Dinah Shore, producer, performer, activist and singer extraordinaire Marvin Gaye's live body of work from 1964-1981 is chronicled for generations that won't get the honor of seeing this talented artist in person. I consider him a performer's performer and this DVD shows just how incredibly sophisticated and supremely gifted he was despite the rampant racism that oppressed the entire music industry.

That's So Raven Too!

www.DisneyRecords.com

Music from the original Disney TV series teen sitcom starring Raven-Symoné who misinterprets her psychic visions with adventures galore await you on this surprisingly funky and sassy release. Girl-powered triple-threat actor and singer Raven co-wrote half the songs and continues the soulful dynamo vibrancy that Aretha Franklin fostered decades earlier. My picks: Jesse McCartney's "She's No You (Remix)," B5's "Let's Groove," Orlando Brown's "Will It Go Round In Circles," Aretha Franklin's "Respect" and Raven-Symoné's "Some Call It Magic (B.F.F. Mix)."

Iio

Poetica

www.IioMusic.com

New York City-based electronica dance duo Iio's winning debut release Poetica is lush nirvana and, as the title suggests, a poetically sensual collection of electronic dance popsters with imaginative lyrics delivered by the Mediterranean singer-songwriter Nadia. With her subtle, rich and emotionally full voice she serves lovely lyrics over a range of dance-friendly and house-worthy beats ranging from serenely ambient to trance and full-on pop bliss biscuits. My picks: "Rapture," "Smooth," "Tantric," "Rebel," "Is It Love," "Be It" and "The One."

Rebirth Brass Band

Rebirth For Life

www.RebirthBrassBand.com

If you like live music brassy, full of life and brimming with joyous New Orleans' funky jazz masters then you'll love the groovy funkified workings of the inspirational good times of the world-touring ambassadors of New Orleans- the funky Rebirth Brass Band. My picks: "Tubaluba," "The Law," "Stereo" and "Talkin'." Gig alerts! Rebirth Brass Band revives June 29/30 @ Quincy's High Sierra Festival and July 2 @ SF's Stern Grove Festival.

Bob Sinclar

Western Dream www.TommyBoy.com

Parisian DJ, producer, god-father of French House, one of the originators of the Acid Jazz movement and young farmer lost in a sunny dream, Bob Sinclar, debuts in the US with his world music inspired happy house tour including the global hit single "Love Generation" which is also soccer's World Cup theme song. With the universal appeal of nitty gritty hip-pumping rhythms and soaring vocals and pop-like turns of joy - Sinclar hits all the right notes. My picks: "Tennessee," "Miss Me," "For You," "Sing My Song" and "Amora, Amor."

Sara Tavares

Balancê

www.SaraTavares.com

World diva chillstress Sara Tavares' latest release Balancê will calm every concern with romantic lovelies and near-lullaby songs easing every worry as she floats along with slightly mystically-inflected ease belying her Cape Verdian home-base. With influences that range from Afro-beat to French chanteuse to the multi-cultural experiences of being displaced physically or culturally she balances the global pulls with Buddha-like grace, bending but not breaking. My picks: "One Love," "Poka Terra" featuring Melo D, "Amor É," "Dam Bô," "Novidadi" and "Muna Xeia." Gig alert! Sara Tavares evens it all out July 5 @ SF's The Independent.

Matthew Herbert

Scale

www.CountryX.org

Matthew Herbert delivers a musical treat with layers of wonder on each new listen like the trippy score to some phantasmagorical theater happening or hip futuristic dance performance. The whole of Scale is off-kilter fun and frolic with Britain's most inventive composer, producer, activist and remixer exploring the end of the oil era and the related violence it brought with completely unsuspecting and subtly divergent dance and jazz tracks. My picks: "We're In Love," "Birds Of A Feather," "Those Feelings," "Down" "Movie Star" and "Just Once."

Geospirit 1

Virtual Vortex

www.Geomagnetic.tv

If you like trippy, inventive and hypnotically suggestive and sensuous electronica music delivered at breakneck speed and unencumbered by those darn limiting words then Psytrance and Goa Trance may be just your thing. The next step in technologies and birthed by the alternative worlds of raving and

acid house movements Psytrance and Goa Trance (named after the Goa state in India) each use deep house and techy grooves to deliver the dancers on a journey within. Words are actually more intrusive and the experience is the journey for many of these folks whose heartbeats get pumping just as fast as the joyous and trance-inducing environments they create. This DVD and CD by the same name embrace futuristic and fun everything and meld it all with progressive cyberific beats. Trip out psytrance adventures await July 15 @ SF's 550 Barneveld.

ABBA: The Movie

www.AbbaSite.com

For the first time on DVD, ABBA: The Movie, chronicles ABBAmania down-under in the mid-1970s as ABBA groupies in Australia are fevered into a near orgasmic fit of devotion for the Swedish fab four as they tour Australia. The story follows radio DJ Ashley as he comically vies to get an in-depth interview of the insta-campy and polyester-clad super pop group. Thus giving us a unique concert experience as well as insights into the bizarre media landscape of getting the story.

One Night In Miami www.ItEntertainment.com

Mixed by Louis Dee this CD plus bonus DVD pimping Miami and Miami's Winter Music festivals offers up the hedonistic fix so many need with the added bonus of seeing what a bikini that's small enough to fit in a pack of cigarettes looks like. With a who's who of artists and DJ nirvana of stunning beauties gyrating to your music it's easy to see how a reputation is earned. My picks: Bob Sinclar's "Love Generation (Club Mix)", Nu Rythmix's "Babylon", Wonderland Avenue's "White Horse", Supafly Vs. Fishbowl's "Let's Get Down (Full Intention Club Mix)", Africanism All Stars' "Summer Moon (F*** Me I'm Famous Remix)" and DJ Tekin's "Wait Forever" featuring Beth Trollan.

Kal

KAL

www.Asphalt-Tango.de

Roma (or gypsy) hotties nestled in Serbia work the political tensions and pluckily mind-meld with the Roma tradition of adapting their lives to survive and thrive in new environments in the changing and often battling cultures. Grabbing every cool and funky music idea from bhangra beats to flamenco guitars, tangos, blues, rap and rock attitude Kal delivers it fresh with dancefloor grooves. My picks: "Duj Duj," "Komedija," "Gurbetski Tango," "Tu Barosa" and "Midnight Walk."

The Fast And The Furious: Tokyo Drift

www.FastAndTheFurious.com

This car-obsessed, action-adventure movie soundtrack is pure adrenalin with high-octane and testosterone-injected street trips of bursting ideas and flashes of brilliance with an Asian flair. With a diverse line-up from Atari Teenage Riot to reggaeton legend Don Omar you're sure to hear this booming out of car windows all summer long. My picks: Teriyaki Boyz's "Tokyo Drift (Fast & Furious)," DJ Shadow's "Six Days The Remix" featuring Mos Def, Evil 9's "Restless," Far East Movement's "Round Round," N*E*R*D's "She Wants To Move" and Dragon Ash's "Resound."

Sierra Swan

Ladyland www.SierraSwan.com

Twenty-something spitfire siren Sierra Swan paints full scenic lady-like portraits including Linda Perry's original and heartfelt "The Ladder." The gifted singer-songwriter is intense to the core and can sing a heart-pluck through a busy city and all its woes. Look out world. My picks: "Don't Say," "Get Down To It," "The Ladder," "Ladyland," "Trouble Is" and "Mother."

Nana Mouskouri

The Millennium Collection

www.UniversalChronicles.com

You might love her because she was kicked out of opera school for singing in jazz clubs at night. You may astound at her 1500 songs recorded in ten-plus languages including her native Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Hebrew, Japanese and Dutch. You might be impressed by her four decades of world touring and 450 albums selling 300 million copies worldwide. In any case the Greek diva has, in fact, been there and done that! My picks: "Plaisir d'Amour," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "Love Me Tender," "Day Is Done (Mon Enfant)," "Song For Liberty" and "Te Pedia Tou Pirea."

Los Angeles Guitar Quartet

Spin

www.LAQO.com

The world-touring LAQG is four seasoned and accomplished soloists who work the quartet demands including recent Latin and tribute recordings. With innovative and eclectic turns including jazzy and new age-ish hypnotic compositions the LAQG cap a quarter-century of performing with a full compliment of warm and soul-stirring compositions. My picks: "Turn to the Sea," "Quiccan," "Catwalk," "Stairs" and "Solstice Poem - Theme."

Pyeng Threadgill

Of The Air

www.Pyeng.com

Wispy, fresh and innocent-ish pop jazz princess Pyeng Threadgill tours Americana jazz frontiers with

innovative material and a disarmingly accomplished voice backed by a stellar band enlivening each song. On her second release, *Of The Air*, she debuts her own works complimented with a few seductive covers including The Cure's "Close To Me" and Fatz Waller's "Jitterbug Waltz." My picks: "It's Late," "Close To Me," "Power Trip," "Ambrosia" and "Jitterbug Waltz." Gig alert! Pyeng Threadgill thrills July 2 @ SF's Fillmore Jazz Festival - Ellis Street Stage, 4-6pm.

Danielle Howle
Thank You Mark

www.DanielleHowle.com

Gutsy singer-songwriter Danielle Howle punks folkrock traditions with Patsy Cline-like turns and morose country burners hidden inside joyful music that will be appreciated by those who love earthy vocals grabbing emotions vividly and nuances of country and blues for a post-country country in need of some reality checks. My picks: "Roses From Leroy's," "I'll Be Blue," "Fields Of Cotton," "Oh Swear" and "If I Can't Have You." Gig alerts! Danielle Howle simmers July 6 @ Berkeley's Rose Street.

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