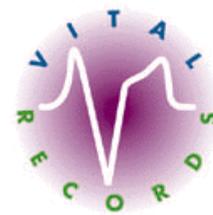


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La Dolce Vita 'N'America

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michéal CASTALDO - La Dolce Vita N'America

- ***La Dolce Vita N'America***, from **Michéal Castaldo**, is an album sung solely in Italian, but his expressive vocals and powerful melodies will impel even listeners who do not speak a lick of Italian to be catapulted into this plush world of ballads and utter sweetness.

The first song opens with upbeat violin in the introduction, which is followed by **Castaldo's** animated vocal timbre. Listeners will be able to attest to the passion with which he articulates each lyric, even if they cannot understand what he is saying.

The second song begins with touching violin work alongside entrancing piano playing for a whimsical melody. **Castaldo** whispers his lyrics and the soft tone of his voice might make listeners play this song as a lullaby for their children, to quell them into a peaceful sleep.

On the third song, commanding violin play immediately demands listeners' attention in the intro. Light percussion enters the song later, giving the track a certain vividness. Yet, the prevailingly potent tone of this track makes it one that could have been featured in the Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony motion picture that depicted the life of Hector Lavoe, the famed yet tragic salsa crooner.

The fourth song begins with a "Phantom of the Opera" like booming introduction, complete with drums and an authoritative melody. Then, the tone changes and listeners might feel as if they are in a dream-like state as abounding violin play emerges in the middle of the track.

All in all, **Michéal Castaldo's *La Dolce Vita N'America*** is an album that has songs that have magical tones and unassailable rhythms alongside a vocalist whose timbre can be dominating, but also soothing to listeners. Even if listeners are not versed in the Italian language at all, they will feel the absolute strength that **Castaldo's** voice commands. http://thecelebritycafe.com/cd/full_review/12975.html

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