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A JI-ENT MUSIC REVIEW

Tackey & Tsubasa

Two You Four You

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Tackey and Tsubasa's most recent album, "Two You, Four You", is a fun, very upbeat album and some of the tracks are reminiscent of their older Johnny's senpai.

Both Tackey (Takizawa Hideaki) and Tsubasa (Imai Tsubasa) prove in this album that they are both talented vocalists, as they both have not only songs where they both sing and pull off harmonies, but they each have their share of solo songs.

This album features their singles, "Venus", "Ho! Summer", "Kamen" and "Aisoukyoku" as well as remixes of "Venus" and "Yume Monogatari".

The album starts off with the song "Love Lucky", and it was a great way to start off the album because of the catchy guitar riff that opens up the song.

The second track is their hit single, "Venus" (release date: 1/16/06, Type A with DVD: AVCD-30926, Type B Limited Edition: AVCD-30927, Type C Regular Edition: AVCD-30928) which is indeed one of the dance numbers on this album with the Latin flavor and beat.

The third track is their single from last summer called "Ho! Summer" (release date: 8/9/06, Jacket A with DVD: AVCD-31067, Jacket B Limited Edition: AVCD-31068, Jacket C: AVCD-31069) and just like its name, is very much a fun and enjoyable summer song.

The fourth track is called "Natsu no Kaze" and is probably one of my favorite songs on the album; it is a mid-tempo piece that has somewhat of an old-school feel to it.

The seventh track entitled "Mermaid" is another mid-tempo piece that sounds like a very "Johnny's" style of song, meaning it sounds like a song that would also be on other Johnny's artists' albums but is still a fun song.

The eighth track is their single, "Kamen" (release date: 5/4/05, regular edition: AVCD-30727, limited release: AVCD-30726, with DVD: AVCD-30725) and it is another upbeat song.

The ninth track "Rainy Memories" is a mid-tempo ballad by Imai Tsubasa which could still be considered a dance number while being a ballad.



In contrast to the last song, the tenth track "12 Gatsu no Hana" is much more slower ballad accompanied by the piano by Takizawa Hideaki.

The eleventh track is their single "Aisoukyoku" otherwise known as "Serenade", (release date: 11/03/04, Regular Edition: AVCD-30660, Pre-order only Limited Edition: AVCD-30659) and is an upbeat ballad and probably my favorite single on this album.

The fourteenth track is "Venus ~Eurobeat Remix~" and is just like the title says, a Eurobeat version to their dance hit "Venus".

The fifteenth track is "Yume Monogatari ~Christmas Version~", which is a much slower, acoustic version of the original song.

Overall it's a very fun album to listen to and being that most of the songs are very upbeat, it'd be a great album to listen to while driving.

The first two things that come to mind for me after listening to this album is that Tackey and Tsubasa use a lot of Latin influences in their songs, and many of their songs remind me of older Johnny's stuff.

For example, "Mermaid" sounds like it could be on a SMAP album because of the way it was written and composed.

Being a longtime Johnny's fan for over 10 years now, I just tend to notice similarities now with the older stuff with Tackey and Tsubasa as well as other groups that are out now.

It seems that most Johnny's artists lately are releasing more than one version of every single and album, so before buying (if you only choose to buy one), you may want to research exactly

which one you want to get because they make sure every version has something different that would interest fans into getting more than one version.

This CD has three versions, two versions with just the CD's and one version with a DVD that has concert and candid footage of Tackey and Tsubasa and release with the DVD version also does not come with the song "Kakkotsukanai Tonight".

There is also a limited release version where it comes with an extra CD that includes karaoke tracks of most of the songs on the album as well as "Kakkotsukanai Tonight", and two very special radio programs as well as a Tackey and Tsubasa sticker.

The normal version's first pressing comes with a poster and one extra song, "Kakkotsukanai Tonight".

Tackey and Tsubasa fans will definitely enjoy this album and I'm sure that they will either buy all the copies, or know which extras they want.

If you are a new fan or curious to hear some Tackey and Tsubasa, this is a great album to start off with; just make sure you know which version of the album you want.

Because the version that I reviewed was a promotional copy, I was not able to review the other extras that come with certain editions of this album such as the extra DVD, extra CD, or poster.

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