

Uehara Takako

départ ~takako uehara single collection~

Sonic Groove

AVCD-16119/B (CD+DVD), AVCD-16120 (CD)

Website: www.avexnet.or.jp/uehara/

RELEASE DATE: March 14, 2007

1. my first love
2. Come close to me
3. my greatest memories
4. SWEET DREAMS
5. Kiss you
6. GLORY
7. AIR
8. Make-up Shadow
9. Blue Light Yokohama
10. Galaxy Legend
11. Ladybug
12. my first love (strings version)
13. Itsu Datte Kimi ga iru

DVD: 65 minutes, 4:3, Region 2

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Former SPEED member Uehara Takako made her debut as a solo singer in March 25, 1999 with her first CD single "my first love".

Proving to listeners that she is not just another pretty face and a dancer, Uehara collaborated with mega producer (LUNA SEA lead vocalist) Kawamura Ryuichi and received success with her first CD single selling over 500,000 copies.

Having released a total of ten CD singles and two albums in a span of six years, Uehara's last music release was back in October 2004 with "Galaxy Legend/Ladybug".

With a busy modeling and acting career, I wondered if we would see a return from Uehara back to music and sure enough, she is back with her first best album.

Titled "départ ~takako uehara single collection", the best album features her ten CD singles from 1999-2004 which include hits such as "my first love", "my greatest memories", "GLORY ~Kimi ga iru kara~" (used as an ending theme for the anime "ONE PIECE") her Inoue Yosui remake of "Make-up Shadow", a remake of the classic "Yokohama Blue" and a collaboration with BONNIE PINK who wrote the lyrics for "Ladybug".

You get a good balance of rock to R&B ballads, a little bit of Eurobeat, R&B and classic 1960's Japanese inspired tunes that can be found on this album.

Unfortunately, no new tracks are included on the album, although there is new video footage included on the CD+DVD version.

The DVD would include all music videos for her ten CD single releases and as a bonus, a fifteen minute behind-the-scenes footage of Uehara Takako.

The first part features her commenting on behind-the-scenes of the making of a few of her music videos, another scene featuring Uehara baking, being a bus guide for people traveling to Tokyo, learning French and traveling to France and much more.

For those who have missed Uehara Takako's single or album releases, this best album is pretty much all you need to get your Uehara Takako fix.

- DENNIS A. AMITH

< My Greatest Memories...

The long awaited best album for the former SPEED member Uehara Takako

FROM THE MEMBERS OF SKA SKA BAND...

Jackson vibe

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AVCD-31181, Duration: 9:40

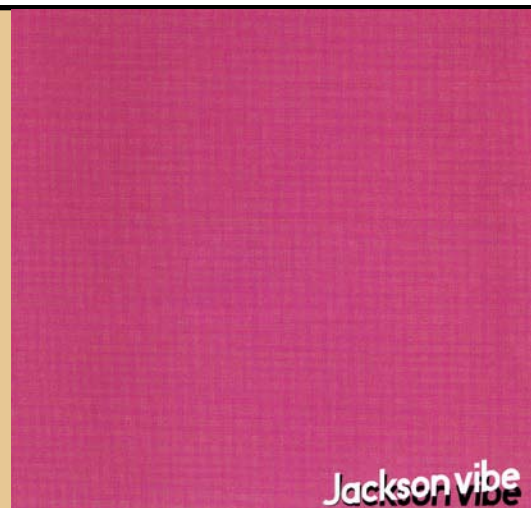
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Jackson vibe is a rock band that began back in Oct. 2003 with the release of "Nijiuro no Kage" (TOCT-4623) and in 2004 had success when their song "Asayake no Tabiji" (TOCT-22240) was used in the Fuji TV drama "At Home Dad".

The band trio consists of SKA SKA CLUB members lead vocalist Yoshikazu Grover (vocal & guitar) and Kouichi Hashitani (guitar). The third member of the group is Motohiko Sato (bass and chorus) and there was once a fourth member, Sugawa "Caprico" Motoi (drums) but he left the band in Dec. 2006.

With a total of four CD singles released and three albums total through TOSHIBA-EMI, the group made a move to Avex sub-label binyl records in 2007 and released the song "Roman People" (AVCD-31161) in February.



The group announced that they will be releasing a total of 6 CD singles every month.

On March 14th, the group released their sixth CD single "Sakura" which is the CM song for Kawai Jyuku.

The CD single contains coupling songs "Future Starman" and a very cool rock cover of Bob Marley's "Redemption Song".

Looking for a rock band with a Okuda Tamio-like sound, then you'll dig the band Jackson Vibe.

- DENNIS A. AMITH