

ENTERTAINMENT



CARRILON Christmas

(Wyndham Hill Records)

"Oh no! Not New Age Music" the cry goes up from the plebs like a gust of ignorant wind. Yes but shut up and listen a minute. You all know what its like in department stores at the moment, - the sterile air playing host to vapid muzak thrown together by paid on the hour musos? Well this is different. What we have here is a lovingly crafted little collection of tunes with a seasonal bent that will warm the most hardened cockles. The first side is undoubtedly the best. Here refrains are lifted from a number of popular Christmas Carols and delicately packaged in swathes of gentle melody that varies to abstraction. It's a good idea and it works remarkably well.

Carillon actually appears to be an ad hoc assemblage of Wyndham musicians that have taken the name of the instrument that plays a crucial part of that all important first side. This contraption seems to be some huge great bell-ringing device that they've managed to steal from a church in Ontario. But is the production excellent kids?! - that bell thing goes like the clappers at several points and it is cleverly melded into the rest of the composition in such a way that it sounds as if it is beckoning from the other side of the valley. It's lovely.

Side two unfortunately leaves a lit-

tle more to be desired. Except for the first track which is spoilt by a bit of impromptu key pedal throbbing, the remainder is bogged down by repetitive musical phraseology that does not really make me want to kiss Santa. The first side though is gorgeous: play it over and over and watch 'em line up at the mistletoe. Tell 'em Stevie sent you.

Bobeaux Yayzeuse

HALF JAPANESE Half Japanese

The next Violent Femmes? They have that out-of-control - controlled sound. The instruments jump all over the place but somehow come together. It's like the Femmes' "Hallowed Ground" Album. The lead singer, Jad Fair, even sounds like the Femme's Gordon Gano. But, they're not just a clone band. There is something different about them. The lyrics are very personal. As if we are being read to from Fair's diary. It seems to be a sad fellow. The album is diverse enough in sound and speed to keep interest going. I like it!

MICHELE

CHRIMBO GIFT IDEAS!

STREP GRISEUS

Stop pissing about Iva and stick to the stuff you know you can do well. Leave the other rubbish alone - you'll only get a top 40 hit out of it.

ICEHOUSE Man of Colours (Chrysalis Records)

The problem with IceHouse is that they appear to be the result of some odd B-movie experiment involving a number of successful pop-acts and an A and R man that look suspiciously Frankensteinian. Mix up Roxy Music, Wang Chung, Phil Collins and slop in liberal doses of the Blue Nile and you might be on the way to achieving a similar effect.

Iva Davis and the gang bug me though. The last few albums have yielded some work of such stunning catchiness and ethereal beauty that the listener wonders why they bother to pad the album out with what is essentially inane rubbish. *Man of Colour* is a case in point. Here we have the spine tingling seasonal magic of the title track which even after repeated playings will reduce the listener to a pool of warm goop. *The Kingdom* too is a belter of a little smoothie that puts its moist wet tongue in an unsuspecting ear. *Anybody's War* is a sequel to the marvelous *To Live and Die in LA* soundtrack that makes you wish the convertible was running. However the effect is completely tainted by ridiculous pieces like *My Obsession*, *Heartbreak Kid*, *Nothing Too Serious*, and *Girl in the Moon* which are all vain attempts to stretch the possibilities of pop songwriting to encompass any number of themes. They don't work. frequently I found myself screwing my face up in distaste. Remember that this is particularly odd after being bludgeoned senseless to the floor by floods of dreamlike sounds and sensitive lyrics.

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SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23-Dec 20

First of all you won't be getting that special appliance that you asked Santa for and furthermore a surprise appears to be in store which, if I read my tea leaves right involves a reindeer, some garden vegetables and several hundred gallons of eggnog. Avoid mistletoe at all costs since a loved one has been eating far too much garlic. I know it's unseasonal but you should also stay clear of men that smell of sun tan oil.



CAPRICORN
Dec 21-Jan 19

Your Christmas seems to be an exciting one this year but mainly because unbeknownst to you some idiot has put holly in your underpants. Luck is on your side since a professor looks likely to kill himself laughing over that important report that you handed in late. Suspicions are aroused when 15 gnomes fall unexpectedly down your chimney. Ask for your money back. Don't wear white. Lucky state of mind: complete inebriation.



AQUARIUS
Jan 20-Feb 18

Three strange men holding boxes seem likely to turn up at your door. It's really a campus police recruitment drive so tell them to bog off. News from overseas calm your fears of being attacked by a marauding gang of insomniac woodchucks. Take time to tell a friend that if she persists using that strange looking rubbery thing her hair will fall out. Neptune and Venus have been doing odd things to each other lately so stay away from anyone wearing one of those Dr. Downey latex masks that are all the rage now.



PISCES
Feb 19-Mar 20

Not that I've got anything about Pisceans in general but it seems that spontaneous combustion is flavour of the season at the moment. There are several planets right up Uranus this month so it seems likely that you will be held hostage by a group of Shriners that will attempt to bludgeon you into a donation with several sticks of celery. The New Year sees a time of prosperity, health, cabbage bathing and lots of silly hats.



ARIES
Mar 21-Apr 20

Lock the doors of your apartment! Don't go out at all costs! Your sign is besieged by all the most malevolent aspects of the zodiac this month. Rush by mail-order several pump-action shotguns, some grenades, those Rambo knife things, plenty of canned and desiccated goods and an oxygen mask. Look out! Death, devastation and severe personal injury are ... oh hang on a minute I've got it upside down ... sorry. It actually looks like you might get a bit of a sniffle.



TAURUS
Apr 21-May 20

Pay attention to your partner or loved one today. Unless I've been looking through the wrong end of my telescope it looks as if he/she might be thinking about impaling you on a long green object - possibly a cucumber or it could well be a snow plough. Get some skis because a stranger will enter your life and ask for directions to the nearest playdough factory. Hit him on the head with the skis. Why these strangers persist in interfering with our lives is a constant source of mystery to me.



GEMINI
May 21-June 20

As hinted last month winter is a particularly bad time for this bunch of schizos. A late exam causes you to completely lose your marbles and forcibly stuff the invigilator into an air vent. Dark clouds appear to be gathering on the horizon so it seems likely that your roommate has left the Mr. Coffee on again. A close friend is inadvertently decapitated by a hibernating chipmunk which has chosen to spend the winter in your ear muffs. That person that keeps trying to put a pickle in your ear may have news about money. If not hit him over the head with a plank of wood as it is probably a tall dark stranger masquerading as a MacDonalds cashier.



CANCER
June 21-July 20

A child brings news that those cheques have bounced rather horribly and that the cat has thrown up in your baseball cap. A difficult problem that has been causing you some trouble is found out to actually be a large hemmeroid. While out skating at the LBR you may be surprised to see a St. Bernard and squirrel doing a pas de deux in spats. Don't eat melons unless you haven't washed your ears recently.

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