



Featured Artist: Russ Lorensen

CD Title: A Little Travelin' Music

Year: 2006

Record Label: LML Music

Style: Jazz Vocals



Musicians: Russ Lorensen (vocals), Kelly Park (piano), Reid Whatley (bass), Jack Dorsey (drums), Tony Malfatti (sax, clarinet), Igor Abuladze (acoustic guitar), Jeff McNish (electric guitar), Shawn Ryan (guest vocal), Klea Blackhurst (guest vocal)

Review:

There is nothing wrong with a little bit of Tony Bennett. Vocalist Russ Lorensen is proof that a little bit of Bennett can really do a lot.

The combination of "Come Fly With Me and Let's Get Away From It All" is irresistible. Lorensen is not just a crooner covering the traditional Sinatra style or trying to be the next Connick, he is his own man.

Lorensen's baritone is almost like an instrument. Its richness combined with his vocal phrasing is impeccable. What really works is his ability to take two songs and make them into one. "A Foggy Day (In London Town)" and "A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square" is a prime example. Lorensen paces and phrases this beautifully.

What could be the best track on the album is a song from the 1982 Broadway play Victor/Victoria titled "Gay Paree." The Mancini composed with Leslie Bricusse added lyrics, Russ Lorensen has a sure fire winner here.

Finally we have "Christmas in San Francisco." Do not imagine Sinatra singing this. Do not imagine Connick singing this. Russ Lorensen closes out his *A Little Travellin' Music* album with this one that can be played year round.

Russ Lorensen has a little travelin' music. Actually he has some stay at home music. This album is a great album to put on when you feel like a little Sinatra or Connick in the afternoon, a little bit of travelin' music, yes, but you may want to stay home and just listen.

Tracks: Come Fly With Me/Let's Get Away from It All, A Foggy Day (In London Town)/A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square, When in Rome, The Air-Minded Executive, Rhode Island Is Famous for You, Moonlight in Vermont, Why Do The Wong People Travel? (duet with Shawn Ryan), Home To Stay, I Love Paris, Gay Paree, Katie Went to Haiti, (On A) Slow Boat to China (duet with Klea Blackhurst), Christmas in San Francisco

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