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Quelques questions à Johanna Sillanpaa ...



J'avais succombé aux charmes de **Johanna** il y a quelques semaines et vous avez été nombreux à l'apprécier également... Son album "**Good life**" continue de ravir mes oreilles, je l'ai encore savouré pas plus tard que ce week-end, bref.. je n'ai pas pu résister... il me fallait la découvrir davantage au travers d'une petite entrevue ...

Eric : Hey Johanna, how are you today ?

Johanna : I'm doing very well, thanks for asking!

Where are you from and how did you fall in Music ?

I'm Originally from Borås, Sweden, but i re-located to Calgary in Canada in the mid nineties to study music and ended up staying here. Music have always played a big part in my life, i used to sing all the time when i was a little girl, and I've just kept on going since then. I started performing on cruiseships & night club stages when i was about 14 yrs. To be on stage has always been such a natural place for me. I'm lucky in that sense that i always knew what i wanted to do with my life and i never really fell into worrying about the logistics of

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making a career in music a reality, i just kept singing because i loved it!

Do you remember an album or an artist in particular when you were child ?

Being swedish and a 70's child on top of that, i heard quite a fair share of ABBA growing up!

Your debut album "Good life" sounds so good..funky, groovy.. Who are your influences ?

My major musical influences are many, but to name a few: Sting, Prince, Erykah Badu, Me'shell Nédegeocello, Maxwell, Incognito, Brand New Heavies, Lauryn Hill.....etc,etc and the list goes on & on!! This question always puts me on the spot, i always feel like i'm missing so many great artists in my list! I'm a very versatile music listener, i enjoy many musical styles.

Your voice is particulary impressive.. How do you work on it ?

I've been taking singing lessons on & off since i was 14, but i've also been singing ALOT!

I practise & perform as much as I can of course, but I also take the time to listening to other singers. I find that i learn alot from doing just that! In the end you end up taking all those borrowed influences and you make them into your own unique style.

A lot of jazzwomen begin with a first album of covers, not you... why this choice ?

I've always enjoyed writing my own songs, My ultimate goal is to be recognized as a Singer as well as a Song writer.I admire the careers of Artists like Prince and Sting for example: they can write great songs over and over again, year after year, and always maintaining the same amazing writing standard.I figured that the only way to get really good at song-writing is to keep writing & recording, that's why i choose to record my own songs and not cover songs on this album.

I've always dreamt about recording a Jazz Standard album, I actually already know what the Album title is going to be, if this happens! The problem with me is that i think there are WAY too many great songs to choose from, it might take me a while to decide which songs i should cover!

How do you work on your songs ? With Aaron Young ?

I like working with other musicians, co-writing & collaborating is great if you find the right people to work with! I always get inspired by music, and it usually triggers my lyrics and melodies. With that being said, I also write my own songs by myself on my piano.

What are your sources of inspiration for Good Life ? Yours ?

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I started recording "Good Life" the Album almost 2 yrs ago now. I almost completed it ,and then one day i decided i needed to take a break from the recording sessions and digest the whole thing. This break lasted over a year!

Then one day i woke up and decided it was time to continue, so i blew off the dust from the old master, re-recorded pretty much everything and added some new songs! Artists are a strange breed, we can't be rushed and we can't force creativity. With all that being said, i had a span of 2-3 yrs to collect these songs, so the inspiration cam from many different sources, personal experiences as well as borrowed.

What do you listen to these days?

I've been listening to alot of John legend & Raoul Midon lately I've also discovered a lady named Lizz wright, i love her voice and her writing style!

If you could choose an artist to work with ?

Sting would be the man, hands upp!

What are your upcoming projects ? New tracks ? a new album ?

Any projects with other artists ?

I am in the process of starting to record another CD with my side project & group ' Sillan & Young'.

Sillan & Young's music is a completely different musical experience from the music of my solo album "Good Life". First and foremost we are a group and our musical style is more accoustic and less produced. We call it "Urban Accoustic".

We released our debut CD back in early 2005 and this CD is called 'Better Thing'. I am very proud of this CD as well, and i am very much looking forward to creating this next one! You can check this project out at www.sillanyoung.com.

Any chance to see you perform in France in the not so distant future ?

It's been many years since i was in France and i absolutely LOVED it! . I don't know of any show's coming up yet, but since i've always wanted to come back, i will have to work on making it happen! I'll keep you posted Eric !!

And finally, is there anything you'd like to say to your French readers.. in French if you'd like...

I admire the pride and support you show your own artists, so i will definety come to France with a few 'french' songs in my repertoire!
Vive la musique et merci beaucoup !

Bon, bah voilà... le charme a encore agit ! pfiooo... Allez jetez-

vous vite sur [son excellent album disponible à la vente sur le tout aussi excellent cdbaby.com.](#)

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Bonjour!

J'ai assisté au concert de demi evans à la défense...ENORME...et quel voix! Quel Son!!

Un régal...et ton site est super aussi alors je te laisse un petit com pour te dire que je t'ai ajouté dans mes liens.

A bientôt

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