

We Follow the Star

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I must admit sitting here in temperatures of 30c gives me a somewhat strange backdrop to me writing the first review of a Christmas album this year. Never the less it gives me the flavour of the essence of this time of year, and one must applaud Dillion for his fresh take on some classics from throughout the years.

We Follow the Star starts with a fluent vocal version of **Wexford Carol** with the stunning voice of *Corinne Seganos* leading the way; there is also a delightful Celtic feel to this crafted piece too.

There are many wonderfully artistic endeavours upon this album that all bring such a beautifully new ethic to the Christmas album concept, like one of my favourites **A Winters Night**, a track packed with a certain energy and mood.

In **Coventry Carol** we could easily find ourselves going back to the middle ages with its wonderful arrangement. For me this was a real stand out offering off the album, and one that reminded me of the *Amazing Blondel* back in the early 70's.

With other such classics from this time of year like **Silent Night**, **I Saw Three Ships** and of course the famous **What Child Is This**, all these are given a truly liberating make-over by the artist. **Richard Dillon** is his usual creative self on Keyboards and Synths, even treats us to a little percussion too.

I urge everyone who maybe thinking this is just another Christmas seasonal album, think again, you couldn't be more wrong, it is indeed a collection of well-known pieces, but uniquely performed by a veritable playlist of other

artists, like *Sherry Finzer*, (Alto Flute) *Yair Avidor*, (Lute) and violinist *Stephanie Nagler*, and many others, it is wonderfully listenable and very accessible to all, but it is an album that brings a lush and colourful perspective to the subject matter, probably one that you will simply have never heard the like of before, this is definitely an album that you should be buying for your Christmas celebrations and most certainly one that I am more than happy to recommend as well.