

And Then Came Love

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The multi-talented **Stephen Peppos** is back with a new release, this time a mostly solo piano offering is laid on our table of musical pleasures. Peppos is one of the new age genres most creative souls, and here he embraces the piano and delivers something to us that is truly artistic and inventive.

This journey of plenty starts with the smooth tones of the opening offering entitled **Love You**. The slow, but pertinent onward movement of the heart can be felt here in this charming opening piece, one that leads us delightfully into the next track entitled **Meant To Be**. There is something deeply moving about this piece that hooked me in with ease, the performance is heartfelt, but bathed in the energy of acceptance; I adored the melodic structure here, it is one that haunts the feelings and lies in the shadows of uncertainty.

A Love So True is our next port of call, from this arrangement I felt a wonderful resonance of tone and timbre emanating from it; the flow here is wonderful to experience and at times quite ambient in construction, but at all times holding true to the original new age piano styled ethics.

One of my personal favourites is up next and called **Love & Affection**, I felt a distinct desire to keep this specific track on repeat, it has a little sense of mystery that drew me into this most compelling of solo piano narratives, and one that perhaps flows through life's rich pattern, illustrating the power of a love so true, that we are able to navigate through it's sometimes choppy waters.

For A Lifetime has a sense of intrigue about its build and progression and is one of only two tracks that are not from the pure well of solo piano. The keyboards create a slight electronic backdrop, a textured offering indeed. I found this one of the most addictive offerings off the album.

We now find ourselves moving towards the fulcrum of the release and as we walk this musical pathway, we come across this fine composition entitled **The Spark of Love**, and what a fine slowly escalating offering it is too, with ease one of my favourites off the album, it's ambient and fluent nature manifests for me a wonderful lightness of touch and tone.

So we now gaze down into the valley of the second half of the album, but before we take those footfalls we can listen to this next gift entitled **Everlasting Love**. There is a certain feeling of intensity here that I found most compelling, perfectly mixed with a true honest performance by the artist.

Soothing and gentle, those two words can easily describe this next song by Peppos, and the title granted to this musical manifestation is **In Your Eyes**. There is something about the melody and construction of this piece that in my view would make an excellent ballad, and as I listened I could hear the words come, in what is another extremely crafted performance by the musician.

How charming, how idyllic, and so very graceful, this is how I would describe the natural tones and energies of this next offering entitled **A Playful Glance**. This is one of those pieces that you simply cannot help but fall head over heels in love with, from the very first key stroke, to the last note played.

A deeply moving musical narrative can be found on this next piece entitled **Since I Found You**. I have now played this particular piece several times, and each time I do so I find more things to love about the offering, its mix of minor and major energies are simply sublime, it is an arrangement that just begs multiple listens.

We now arrive at the second of the two tracks that are not of the solo piano genre, here a soft back drop of sound ushers us into a composition that has a sense of grandness about its progression, it is entitled **My Sweet Love**. There are many facets within this piece that are so fascinating, a rich melody, a new

age swirling keyboard feel, and even a little suspense, all built into what is one of the most intriguing pieces off the release with ease.

The calm and tranquil vibrations of this next track are absolutely beautiful and called **When We First Met**. Here is a piece steeped in memory, one carefully constructed to offer up moments of loving reflections. This piece has been so craft-fully arranged; it is a track that literally speaks to the heart with such a loving intent.

Our penultimate offering is called **Forever in My Heart**, this imploring composition speaks volumes about the feelings of love and the roller coaster ride of emotions along the way, the elevation of power and intensity with this arrangement is indeed deeply moving, and is once again, one of my personal favourites from the album.

This voyage of love within music is nearly done, but before the artist draws the final curtain down on his performance, we are gifted one last piece to take along with us on our musical journey of the heart; it is called **And Then Came Love**. A fine track to end with, but I urge a careful listen to this offering; it is a truly sensitive composition, one beautifully performed by Peppos.

And Then Came Love by **Stephen Peppos** is an album that will touch your soul and move your heart, these works of art created by Peppos come at a time when we all need to show each other a little more love across the world, and this timely collection of work will be a very valuable addition to those who adore all things piano, and have a desire to be moved by the honest refrains of a really good album.