

Review of the Maxwell CD Unplugged

One word describes the CD Unplugged from Maxwell... AWESOME!

It's a rare day indeed that I get a CD from an artist that I can truthfully say does not have a bad track in the bunch. I'm more than happy to announce that's exactly what I must say about this one. There simply isn't a bad one in the bunch. No fillers here at all, with each song standing tall on it's own.

Pop music fans will recognize some of the well known guests that have been assembled to play along with Maxwell on several of the tracks. Artists like Gloria Agostini and Gerald Tarack just to name a couple.

I'm of the opinion that Unplugged is certainly Maxwell's best work in a few years. A totally enjoyable CD and an outstanding release. What I call must have music. I give it two thumbs up because it's a collection that even the casual Pop fan can appreciate and enjoy.

While the entire album is really very good the truly standout tunes are track 4 - This Woman's Work, track 5 - Whenever Wherever Whatever, and track 7 - Gotta Get: Closer.

My Bonus Pick, and the one that got Sore [...as in "Stuck On REpeat"] is track 1 - The Suite Urban Theme. What a nice track!

Unplugged Release Notes:

Maxwell originally released Unplugged on July 15, 1997 on the Columbia label.

CD Track List Follows:

1. The Suite Urban Theme (The Hush) 2. Mello: Sumthin (The Hush) 3. Lady Suite, The 4. This Woman's Work 5. Whenever Wherever Whatever 6. Ascension (Don't Ever Wonder) 7. Gotta Get: Closer

Unplugged Album Notes Personnel: Maxwell (vocals); G/Mo (guitar); Gloria Agostini (harp); Gerald Tarack, Matthew Raimondi, Veronica Salas (violin); Susan Poliacik (cello); Andre Roberson (saxophone); Russell Gunn (trumpet); Darrell Smith (Fender Rhodes electric piano, Hammond B-3 organ); Michael Neal (bass); Kerry Griffin (drums); Angel Luis Figueroa (percussion); Michael Dickerson, La Tina Webb, Khaliq (background vocals).

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