John Stevens – Red (2005)



1.Come Fly With Me 2.My Blue Heaven 3.Someone To Watch Over Me 4.Here, There And Everywhere 5.All Of Me 6.This Love 7.I Only Have Eyes For You 8.Let's Fall In Love 9.It Had To Be You 10.The Shadow Of Your Smile 11.Don't Get Around Much Anymore John Stevens (vocals) Erika Christensen (vocals) Bob Mann (guitar, keyboards) Lisa Dondlinger, Gil Romero, Phillip Levy, Sidney Page, Charles Everett, Joel Derouin, Haim Shtrum (violin) Janet Lakatos (viola) Vahe Hayrikyan, Armen Hayrikian (cello) Roger Rosenberg, Bob Sheppard (saxophone) Warren Leuning, Bob Millikan (trumpet) Randy Andos (trombone) Chip Jackson, Kenny Ascher, Bill Mays (piano) David Finck (bass instrument) Paulinho Da Costa (percussion) Michael Markman (violin) Harry Shirinian (viola) Armen Ksadjikian (cello) Lou Marini (saxophone) Lew Soloff (trumpet) Jim Pugh (trombone) Lee Musiker (piano) Allan Schwartzberg (drums).

Given RED's retro design and its prominent Bobby Darin quote in the liner notes, it's clear that AMERICAN IDOL finalist John Stevens is going for a classic jazz/pop vibe with his 2005 debut. While other IDOL alumni take on rock and R&B, Stevens ventures into Michael Buble territory here, offering up straightforward renditions of standards popularized by Frank Sinatra, Nat "King" Cole, and other legendary 20th-century crooners. Only 16 years old at the time of this album's recording, Stevens possesses a surprisingly full tenor voice, which he showcases particularly well on horn-heavy versions of "Come Fly with Me" and "All of Me." The redheaded singer also charms on "Let's Fall in Love," a sprightly duet with actress Erika Christensen (who proves to be an equally excellent vocalist). For IDOL fans that like their music on the jazzy side, RED is a sure thing. ---cduniverse.com

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