

REVIEW OF HEART'S DESIRE - WWW.MICHN.DK

I'm about to repeat myself and I have no hung-ups about it. Niamh Parsons is the greatest female singer in Ireland and her new CD Heart's Desire is brilliant. I probably even like it more than her previous two CDs and that's saying a lot. I don't know what it is, but perhaps it's the choice of songs that has this extra appeal to me. One song in particular I would like to single out is Andy Irvine's West Coast of Clare. That song has always been special to me, being about a place in Ireland I have come back to every summer for more than twenty-five years. (This is also where I met Niamh the first time).

Apparently it also means a lot to Niamh and I actually prefer her version to Irvine's. Another of my favourite tracks is Bramblethorn where Niamh is joined by her sister Anne. There is something special about the mix of the two voices. Some of my favourite tracks on her previous CDs have also been the tracks where the two voices "merge".

Several tracks are recorded without accompaniment and this is where Niamh proves to be a singer extraordinaire. With a voice like that you hardly need any help. Having said that, she is brilliantly accompanied on several other tracks by Dennis Cahill, Josephine Marsh, Mick Kinsella, and last but certainly not least by her companion in real life Graham Dunne. Graham Dunne is a great guitarist and he is let loose on his own on a couple of impressive tracks of jigs and reels.

This is a truly recommendable CD - she has done it again.

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