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Estonian superstar tackles Britain

By Barry Jones

ESTONIAN superstar Hannah released her first single at the age of 17 and has since released five albums including Estonia's bestselling album ever by a female artist.



You are, by Hannah

With the international release of the album Everything is Changing forthcoming, Hannah is introduced in Britain with a potent ballad called You Are which has a digital release on Monday and a physical release on June 18.

The songwriter, singer and pianist has dominated the charts in her home country for a decade and she's a big improvement on Eurovision with strident vocals.

YOU ARE, by HANNAH, on Snowdog Records

THE third release from the popular and prolific Welsh singer songwriter Rhian Mostyn from Conwy is out now with the 12 tracks of the album opening up with a crisp and clean little rocker Cara Mia from Rhian and her three piece band.

Circus Atari is her most exotic track while one of Rhian's older songs Ibiza Man reappears with a remix, and the band lets rip a bit on Haul. Other numbers have a dance treatment with David Arwel Owen's smart guitar work. Cwsg has a swampland sound before Farch Nwrf rocks back in. Tracks Paun Aur and Hawl y Mynydd get re-runs with trance and dance mixes to finish off a cool, little album.

What's this?

My only grumble is that the songs are all pretty short and it would have been great to hear the band really work out and have Rhian's vocals stretched on at least one extended song.

HAWL by RHIAN MOSTYN, on Recordiau Menai

DEDICATION by KINKY DURAKEE, on Joe Soap Records OUT next Monday is the second single by the Edinburgh band fronted by Gulzhan Ibrayeva, originally from Kazakstan, who have made major waves with their debut The Answer last year.

Dedication is another pop rock wonder about a rising star band and problems with their songwriter with Gulzhan's vocals again fronting things with style. Unfortunately I was unable to get out the band's video for Dedication but the single also has a grittier almost country rocking B side called The Things We Fear the Most that makes this another killer of a release with the album still to look forward to.

TO COINCIDE with the successful American singer songwriter's current British tour, Eliza Gilkyson's new single features a song written in the aftermath of the Tsunami tragedy and featured on her award winning Paradise Hotel album.

Sung with her daughter, Eliza's stirring and touching song of remembrance is also heard on the single in a longer live version.

Completing the stunning single is a version of her father Terry Gilkyson's ecological ballad Greenfields.

REQUIEM, by ELIZA GILKYSON, on Red House Records

MCs MD and Knowledge have been writing and performing together for more than 10 years and now with female vocalist Maiko they have been attracting major urban music scene attention as The Reluctants.

Their four track EP out now softens their rocky hip hop with some soulful R'nB.

Sleep Walking is their most interesting track with a scary intensity. The looser slide guitar feel of Take It or Leave It, the driving Meant to Be and the title track is That What You Want2 complete the CD with the debut album to come.

IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT EP, by THE RELUCTANTS.

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