

Album of the Month for April 2008
Reba McEntire
Reba's Duets
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I could say that "**Reba's Duets**", her latest CD, is merely a collection of eleven songs where **Reba** sings each track with a different artist, which, in its simplest form, would be true. But **Reba** hasn't conquered the world of country music by simply being "merely", she has taken it by storm with her enormous talent, her powerful voice and her genius for selecting perfect artists to work with.

Because Of You, with **Kelly Clarkson**, was written by **Clarkson** when she was only 16. It's a very powerful song.

When You Love Someone Like That with **LeAnn Rimes**, is a wonderful ballad; two women caught in the confusion of love. **LeAnn's** amazing vocals of the one who has just had her heart broken, blending with the familiar southern sound of **Reba's** voice of the "been there, done that" wiser woman, reassuring her that she did nothing wrong.

Reba's duet with **Ronnie Dunn**, *Does The Wind Still Blow In Oklahoma*, with its sweet sound of fiddles and steel guitars, blends two of the most polished country voices.

Faith In Love, a soulful duet with **Rascal Flatts** and *Every Other Weekend* sung with **Kenny Chesney** are beautiful tributes to love misguided but not lost.

Listen to the pairing of the most powerful female country voices in *She Can't Save Him*, with **Trisha Yearwood** and *Sleeping With The Telephone* with **Faith Hill**. Both songs are about love but in different ways.

Reba's duet with **Carole King** *Everyday People* is a great up-tempo track with a message that is close to both women's hearts, people helping people.

One of the most surprising duets on the CD is *Only The Promise Remains*, a softly sung ballad with Justin Timberlake. It is great.

Hearing **Don Henley's** husky, weathered voice harmonizing beautifully with **Reba's** on *Break Each Other's Heart's Again* is fantastic. The emotion and passion simply oozes from the words.

Broken Hearts with **Vince Gill** is a song of two people whose love has faded away, but neither of them knowing how or why it happened.

Sara – 31 March 2008