

Album of the Month for May 2008

Lament *This Ain't Rio* GRL11

I first heard about **Lament** while looking for local groups to invite to the Acoustic Charity Night. I was immediately charmed by their music on MySpace. It took me back to my Latin American roots and my visits to Spain.

To my surprise I discovered all of **Lament's** members are from the UK. It was their love for Spanish music that inspired them to start experimenting with it. The group's sound is a mix of Spanish and Latin rhythms with a bit of jazz. They are one of the many musical jewels of the vast Midlands music scene.

From *This Ain't Rio*, I particularly enjoyed listening to *No Excuse It's Good Enough* (Track 3) and *Feed Me* (Track 4) for their powerful mix of guitar, vocals and percussion which captures the ear from beginning to end.

This Is For You (Track 6) is an enigmatic ballad with amazing vocals and a great guitar solo.

Track 2 *This Ain't Rio* with its laid back melody and vocals reminds me of the vibe of a sunny Mediterranean afternoon. I can almost see myself sitting on a beach, ready to relax.

Lament's CD is available at HEAD (formerly known as FOPP) in Leamington or through Itunes.

For more information on the group and upcoming gigs, please visit <http://www.lament.info> or <http://www.myspace.com/lamentuk>.

About Lament from MySpace

Lament was created by songwriters Kath Kimber and Anthony McTiffen who recruited Michael Melbourne and Tom Haines in January 2005 for live gigs and were recently joined by Wayne Matthews on bass guitar. An inspired new sound has quickly emerged and they have since been gigging extensively in the West Midlands, including live sessions on BBC WM: Ben Turner Show, Jimmy Franks Show and BBC Coventry and Warwickshire: Bob Brolly Show, Anita Miah Show and Vic Minnett Show.

Lament's sound is difficult to categorise as its influences bear the marks of Brazilian rhythms, Flamenco flourishes and also hints of Jazz creating a Latin vibe. Vocalist, Kath has a pure and soulful voice which cuts through with soaring and catchy melodies. In this short time they have very quickly built up a name for themselves and are generating a large fan base in the West Midlands.

Lament are also currently being played on radio stations all over the world including the United States, Australia, Japan and more than 15 regional, terrestrial and internet radio stations around Britain. They have been featured twice as the new music choice on Heart FM and have enjoyed success high up in the charts of Ison Live Radio, Australia and Celtic Underground Radio, UK. **Lament** caught the attention of Welsh radio presenters and are played regularly on BBC Radio Wales. They are also played on interactive TV channel, 'txt me tv'. One of their tracks, *Beautiful*, has been remixed by DJ Gion for his latest album, *Uptown Cafe*, which is now on general release in Japan.

Lament have recently signed a distribution deal with Latin Cool Records, *Unveiled* and *This Ain't Rio* are now being distributed through their official site and many other music download sites including Itunes, Rhapsody etc

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