

Featured Artist of the Month

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Katherine Jenkins *Second Nature* FVJ12

What a great CD this is, combining well-known classical pieces with traditional Welsh songs, film score tracks and ending with the Liverpool Anthem, *You'll Never Walk Alone!* All of them sung by the brilliant Katherine Jenkins. Her clear, beautiful voice does every song great justice.

I love every track but if I had to choose one it would probably be **Track 6** *En Aranjuez con tu amor*. What a combination, the hot sultry music of Rodrigo with the beautiful clarity of Katherine's voice.

Katherine's Welsh heritage is portrayed on this CD:

Track 4 Ennio Morricone's *Chi Mai* which was used as the title music for BBC Wales's 1981 drama 'The Life and Times of David Lloyd George', starring Philp Madoc

Track 9 is a duet with fellow Welshman Rhys Meirion. His tenor voice works so well with Katherine's mezzo-soprano as they sing *Vide Cor Meum*. This was composed by Patrick Cassidy and first appeared in the movie 'Hannibal'. Rhys Meirion has also made a duet album with Bryn Terfel.

Track 10 the well-known Welsh folk song *Calon Lan*

Classical music tracks:

- Track 2** *Caruso* by Lucio Dalla
- Track 3** *Va Pensiero* by Verdi
- Track 6** *En Aranjuez con tu amor* by Rodrigo
- Track 7** *Seguedilla Pres des ramparts de Seville* by Bizet
- Track 8** *Song to the Moon* by Dvorak
- Track 12** *Barcarolle* by Offenbach
- Track 13** *Laudate Dominum* by Mozart

Other tracks are:

- Track 1** *Time To Say Goodbye*
- Track 5** *O sole mio*
- Track 11** *Hymn To The Fallen* by John Williams, from the film 'Saving Private Ryan'
- Track 14** *O Holy Night*
- Track 15** *You'll Never Walk Alone* by Rodgers and Hammerstein

Katherine Jenkins, a former teacher, was born on 29th June 1980 in Neath, South Wales. She was the biggest-selling classical star in the UK in 2004. In November 2006 she performed before the Queen at the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall singing a song specially written for the Queen's 80th birthday.
Linda Ashworth - 29 June 2007