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Luca Bash – Single Drops EP review

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Luca Bash is a singer/songwriter who began his career studying as a classical violinist before switching to guitar in the 1990's. He then went on to study at the University of Music in Rome and formed a band named BASH. Following the end of the group in 2011 he decided to go solo with the help of guitarist Giovanni Pes, releasing four acoustic EP's. Bash's latest release, "Single Drops" was released on May 18th and is made up of what the duo feel are the best songs from their acoustic EP's as well as a new song entitled "Your Tomorrow".

The new single is the first track on the EP. It's a dreamy slow acoustic ballad that has Bash's vocals as the main focus. His Italian voice really helps the track stand out from other singer/songwriter's. It's a simple song, with just two guitars, vocals and a healthy amount of reverb to make things a bit more cohesive, but simplicity works very well here.

"Forever Like Asleep" is a bit more upbeat, it's based around a cool guitar riff and a jazzy sounding chorus. My only gripe with this song is that I really feel a full band arrangement would bring a lot more life to it, but it's still a nice tune.

"Dear John" is similarly jazzy but it has a much more sombre tone to it. Bash provides the chords while Pes plays tasteful little lead licks throughout, culminating in a solo towards the end of the track. Despite being originally released on separate releases, all of Bash's songs have a real feeling of cohesion to them.

The fourth number, "Little Tale", steps away from the acoustic jazz sound and goes for more of a folk feel. While I do feel that the jazzy songs are much more suited to the group's style, it's always nice to have a bit of a palette cleanser.

The final song is entitled "Black Swan's Walls" is once again considerably different from the rest of the tunes on the EP. It's a very upbeat pop/rock song and to be honest, it's probably the weakest of the 5 songs found on "Single Drops", though once again it's never a bad thing to hear an artist try different styles.

All in all, if you're a fan of acoustic singer/songwriters I honestly do think this is a solid release. Considering it's technically a compilation of songs from previously released EP's, there's plenty more material to listen to if Luca Bash's music is of interest to you.

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