New Iggy is No Fun

Iggy Pop on Arista Records.

When I embark on record-buying sprees, I like to diversify my collection by picking up releases by groups that I don’t have any vinyl from. This time around, I purchased Parry, a domestic release of a fairly new record. I figured that I couldn’t lose; “Bang Bang” is one of my favorite overplayed Sip tunes (along with Bow Wow Wow’s “Work” and Gen X’s “Dancing with Myself”). The score is now 1-0 in Arista’s favor.

I have rarely listened to an album that has left me as singularly unimpressed as this disc does. There are a couple of nice lyrical ideas, but I review music, not prose. If there were any original musical strains, they must have happened while I was yawning.

There are a few positive points, praise the Lord. It’s a concept album, albeit with a bad starting point (sex and drugs and rock and roll and yawn). I haven’t had that patience to really listen to “Eggs on Plate,” but it sounds quicker than everything else here, so maybe it isn’t a total loss. “Happy Man” is cutey-poo. It’s a formulaic gee-how-lucky-I-am-to-have-a-girl-like-her song... or is it? I guess it’s not really a formula song when one of the lady’s exalted virtues is that she “does it in the mud.” “Pumping for Jill” is not original musically, but what is Iggy pumping? Stay tuned next week.

I’m sorry, Iggy — the rest of this disc is really trash, especially that silly “Sea of Love.” It’s just another sappy “You’re My Man,” albeit with a bad starting point (sex and drugs and rock and roll and yawn). I haven’t had that patience to really listen to “Eggs on Plate,” but it sounds quicker than everything else here, so maybe it isn’t a total loss. “Happy Man” is cutey-poo. It’s a formulaic gee-how-lucky-I-am-to-have-a-girl-like-her song... or is it? I guess it’s not really a formula song when one of the lady’s exalted virtues is that she “does it in the mud.” “Pumping for Jill” is not original musically, but what is Iggy pumping? Stay tuned next week.

In short, this wasn’t worth my buy a girl like her song... or is it? I guess it’s not really a formula week.

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